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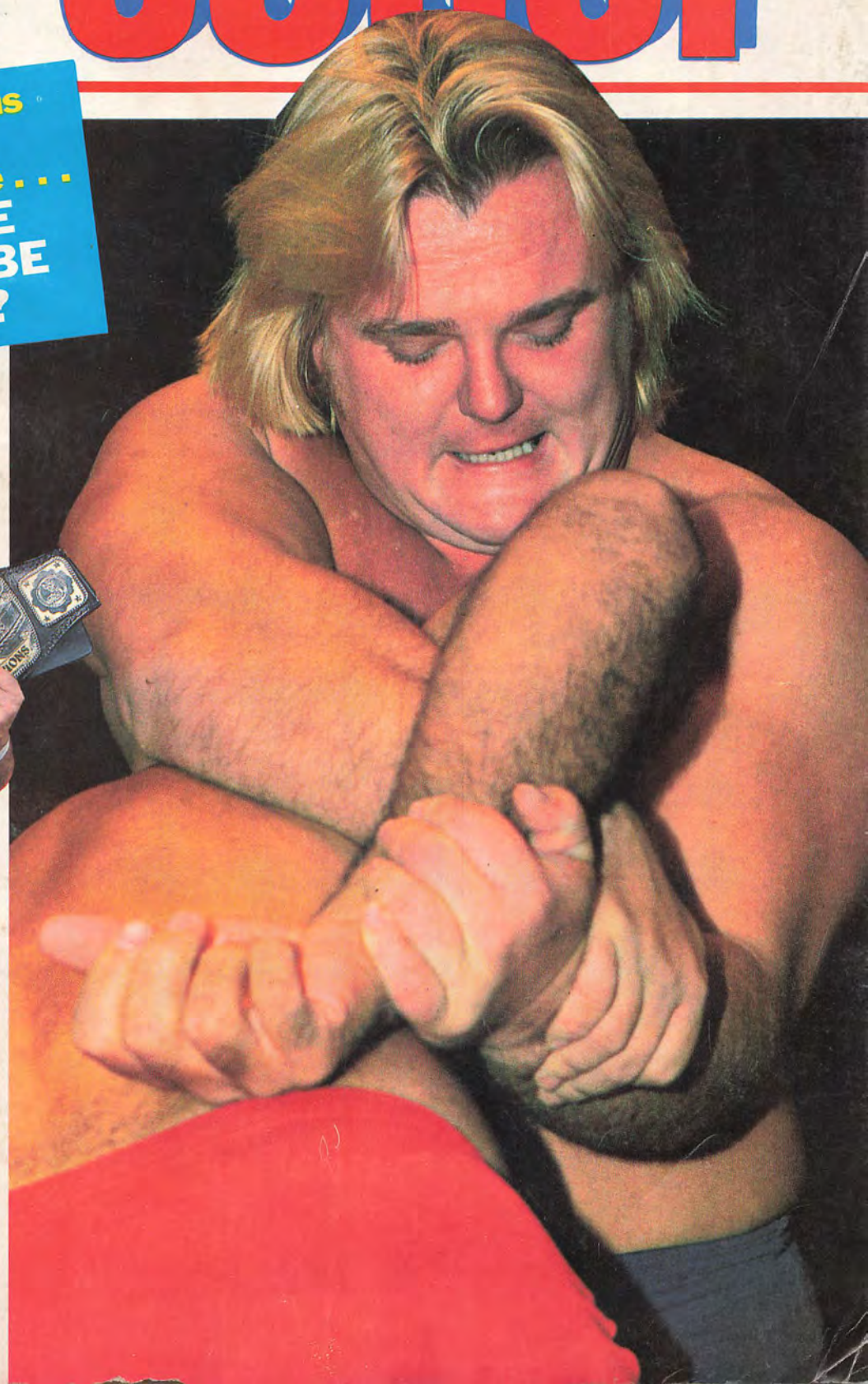
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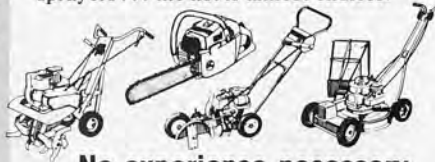
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The Road Warriors need manager Precious Paul Ellering (foreground) to do their thinking for them, in the opinion of Charles FreeLove. Charles thinks the AWA tag team champions will soon be dethroned.

BRAINLESS ROAD WARRIORS

In the December 1984 issue of *The Wrestler*, one Grace Yolán actually wrote a letter in praise of two body-builders who shave their heads and wear paint on their faces, and can't even move two feet without having some goofball manager, Precious Paul Ellering, telling them what to do.

You guessed it: the so-called AWA World tag team champions The Road Warriors.

It seems to me that this Ms. Yolán had one too many martinis at the Showboat Sports Pavilion the night she saw those two musclebound brainless goofs illegally steal the belts

from The Crusher and Baron Von Raschke. To call Paul Ellering the most cunning and brilliant manager in the sport is absolutely absurd. When the Warriors and his so-called Legion of Doom were wrestling in Georgia, Ellering constantly stuck his foot in his mouth.

Don't get me wrong, The Road Warriors are one of the best tag teams in the world. But they don't deserve to be called champions.

Just wait: Either The Fabulous Ones, or the people's champions, Crusher and Baron, will regain the World titles and run those roadrunners out of town and out of the AWA

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CHARLES FREELOVE
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REGINA WILLIAMS
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I think the Pacific Northwest has
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WHAT'S HAPPENING!

By BILL APTER

THERE HAVE BEEN a lot of major title changes since our last issue. A lot of them are outlined in this issue's "Ratings Analysis," but there were a few more that were not mentioned in that column. It's time to bring you up to date on all the major changes, so here goes:

Dusty Rhodes and **Manny Fernandez** captured the NWA World tag team title from the team of **Ivan Koloff** and **Don Kernodle** in a wild cage match in Greensboro, North Carolina. Ivan, and his nephew, **Nikita Koloff**, were both angered that Kernodle signed to defend the title inside a steel cage—but that wasn't all that angered them. At one point in the match, Nikita (who stood outside the cage) threw a foreign object to Kernodle. Kernodle dropped it, and Dusty snatched it up and used it on Ivan, knocking him out, and allowing Fernandez to score the pinfall for the title win. An angered Nikita stormed into the cage, clotheslined Kernodle, and both Ivan and Nikita proceeded to beat Kernodle. **Keith Larsen**, who we later learned is Kernodle's brother, ran into the ring, but was also beaten by the Koloffs. Kernodle



The Fantastics, Tommy Rogers (above left) and Bobby Fulton (above right), defeated Scott and Bill Irwin for the World Class tag team championship. It's only fitting that the World Class champions would be so classy.

suffered a serious neck injury in that incident and will be out of action for anywhere from six weeks to three months.

We have a new pair of World Class tag team champions. **The Fantastics, Tommy Rogers** and **Bobby Fulton**, defeated the team of **Scott** and **Bill Irwin** in Fort Worth, Texas. "I can't describe how proud we both are about this win," Rogers told *The Wrestler*. "It

means a lot to us, particularly since we hadn't been wrestling for very long in the World Class area. Maybe that's what helped us a little bit: We had the element of surprise on our side!"

There are two title changes that you can read about in major stories this issue: **Greg Valentine** captured the WWF Intercontinental title from **Tito Santana** (page 34),

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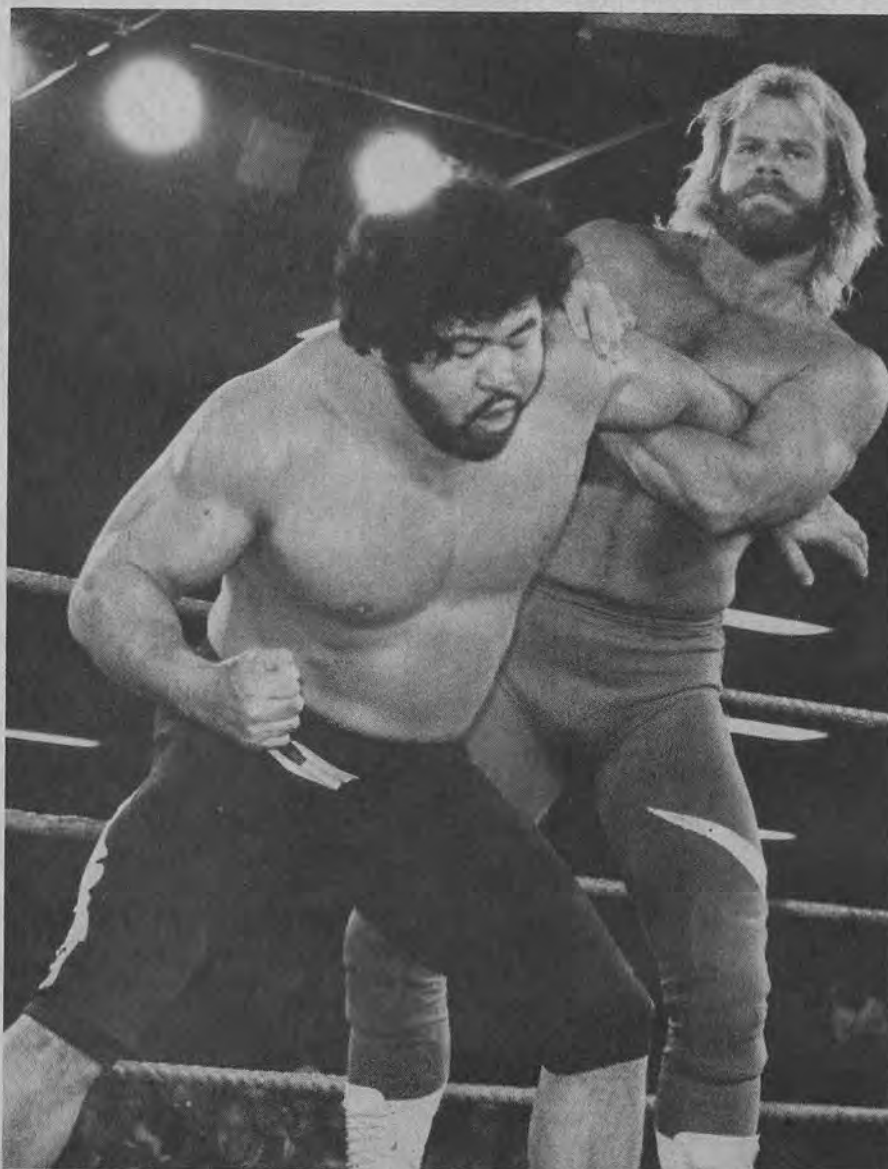
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Stan Lane applies a standing armbar on Mr. Saito midway through The Fabulous Ones' victory over Saito and Billy Robinson in Las Vegas.

Las Vegas, NV (*Correspondent: Jay Elliott Jr.*): "The Fabulous Ones," Steve Keirn and Stan Lane, defeated the newly formed team of Mr. Saito and Billy Robinson at the Showboat Sports Pavilion.

Originally, Saito was scheduled to wrestle with manager Bobby Heenan, but Heenan's suspension from the AWA prevented him from honoring the contract. Robinson, who has just recently adopted a rulebreaking philosophy, was happy to team with the Japanese star.

Lane and Robinson started the match. Robinson soon became frustrated as Lane reversed or broke every hold the British star applied. Robinson finally tagged out to Saito, who took control of the match with nerveholds, karate thrusts, and judo kicks that weakened Lane for Saito's scorpion leglock. Lane reached the ropes to break the hold and then slowed Saito sufficiently to tag partner Keirn.

Keirn had similar difficulty with the crafty Saito, who caught him with a karate thrust and then dragged Keirn into his own corner. Robinson and Saito double-teamed Keirn viciously, until Keirn managed to squirm away from that corner.

Later in the match, Saito had Lane at a definite disadvantage. As Saito tagged up with Robinson, distracting the referee's attention, Lane's look-alike, Keirn, entered the ring, rolled Lane outside the ropes, and caught the entering Robinson off-guard with a series of forearms that led to a Fabulous Ones victory.

In other bouts, Rick Martel defeated Nick Bockwinkel . . . Curt Hennig and Larry Zbyszko wrestled to a time-limit draw.

San Juan, Puerto Rico (*Correspondent—Javier E. Fernandez*): Not even a referee's disqualification
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Road Warrior Animal, who holds half of the AWA tag team title, wrenches the arm of former NWA tag team titleholder Don Kernodle.

Q: "I have a question for The Road Warriors, Animal and Hawk: First, I'd like to say that you two are the best tag team in wrestling. I'm a big fan of yours, and I want to know if you two are coming back to the NWA to get rid of Ivan Koloff and Don Kernodle. Those two are a disgrace. Also, I'd

like to see you two back in New Jersey at the Meadowlands. Your fans miss you."—Philip Hom, West Nyack, NY

A: "Fans? The Road Warriors don't have any fans, just little punks who quake in their sneakers in fear when we come to the ring," Animal said. "But at least this is a smart little punk. Koloff and Kernodle are nothing. We have the AWA World tag team belts, and any belts we wear are the real world title belts. Koloff and Kernodle ran from us and then tried to get us banned from the NWA. But it didn't work. We wrestle anyone, and we don't have time for garbage. We'll be back in New York soon, so you'd better get ready, 'cause there ain't nothin' like The Road Warriors."

Q: "My question is for Greg Gagne: Now that Crusher Blackwell is a fan favorite, do you and Jim Brunzell plan to



Jim Brunzell stretches out Crusher Blackwell's arm for a leaping Greg Gagne. Brunzell, Blackwell, and Gagne are all good friends now.

team up with him against Bruiser Brody, Abdullah the Butcher, and Sheik Adnan Al-Kaissie?"—Chris Reinke, St. Paul, MN

A: "I'll tell you one thing," Gagne said, "with 474 pounds of Crusher Blackwell on our side, and all the hate he feels for Al-Kaissie and his two mercenaries, I'm sure that we'd have no problem not only beating those three, but running them out of the AWA altogether. I had my reservations about Crusher Blackwell for a while, but now I believe that he really has changed his ways, and when I'm completely healthy and healed up from the the injuries I suffered at the hands of Bruiser Brody, I'll do anything I can to help him."

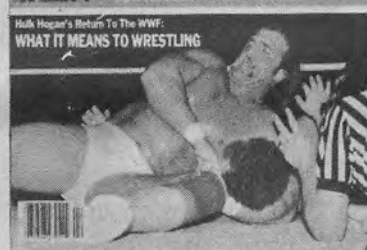
Q: For Chris Adams: "When you took Gary Hart on as your manager, I had a feeling that sooner or later you'd turn rule-breaker. You've let a whole lot of people down lately. How could you just turn your back and let Kevin Von Erich get attacked by Jake Roberts and Gino Hernandez like that?"—

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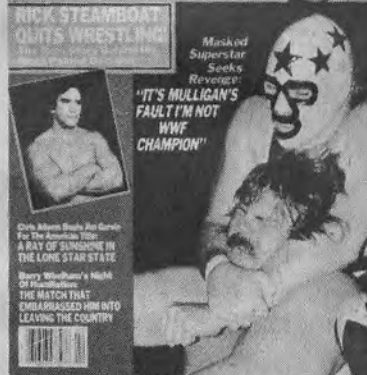
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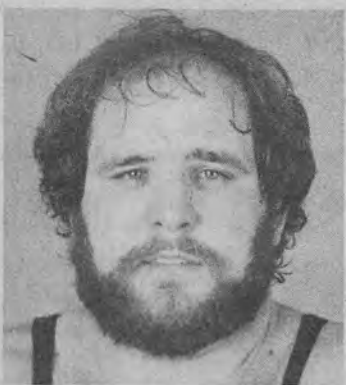
Each issue, *The Wrestler* will praise the noteworthy and damn those who violate the honor of wrestling. The praiseworthy receive a Thumbs Up, the disgraceful are marked with a Thumbs Down. Here is this month's roll of honor and shame.



Thumbs Up to Ric Flair: The NWA World heavyweight champion continues to defend his title against the top men in professional wrestling. Among his recent conquests include Wahoo McDaniel, Billy Jack, Kerry Von Erich, Harley Race, and Chris Adams. It looks as if Flair has once again settled into the right groove. He is in the best physical condition of his career, and he seems to be in the correct frame of mind to defend his belt.



Thumbs Up to Tommy Rich: "Wildfire" is once again raging across the NWA. Rich has returned to wrestling in Georgia and on tour throughout Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, Kentucky, and his present home base, Tennessee. Rich is looking to recapture the NWA heavyweight title he held briefly in 1981. We congratulate Rich on the initiative he has taken by returning to the NWA, and wish him well in his quest to regain the World title.



Thumbs Up to Don Kernodle: In last month's issue of *The Wrestler*, we called for Kernodle to break his ties with Russians Ivan and Nikita Koloff in the name of American patriotism. Kernodle has since denounced the two men who used to call him "comrade," ripped up the Soviet flag the Koloffs gave him as a gift, and has declared his own personal war on the two men. We, as well as the entire wrestling world, salute Kernodle's display of love for the United States, and his efforts against the rulebreaking Russians.



Thumbs Up to George Wells: "Master G" has set the Mid-South region ablaze with his challenge of Hacksaw Butch Reed. Since Junkyard Dog left the Mid-South region to wrestle in the WWF, Reed has been claiming that he ran JYD out of town. "This dog ain't afraid of no one," Wells told the Mid-South fans, and he has been battling Reed ever since. Although he has not yet registered an official victory over Reed, Wells is the superior wrestler in the hearts and minds of the Mid-South fans. We encourage Master G to continue fighting Reed, for his quest for victory is a noble one.

Thumbs Down



Thumbs Down to Chris Adams: Adams is among the most despised man in professional wrestling today, and with good reason. He has turned his back on his childhood friends, the Von Erichs, and has let Gery Hart lead him onto the rulebreaking side of professional wrestling. Adams left partner Kevin Von Erich to be double-teamed by Jake Roberts and Gino Hernandez during a tag team match, and as a result Kevin was brutally beaten by Roberts and Hernandez. Adams is now teaming with the two rulebreakers, a fact that has the World Class fans incensed.



Thumbs Down to Jesse Barr: Barr was an outstanding amateur Greco-Roman wrestler who would have gone to the 1980 Summer Olympics had they not been boycotted by the United States. The Florida fans looked forward to watching Barr display his scientific skills for them. But Barr took the easy way out instead, adopting a rulebreaking style and accepting the help of noted rulebreaker Dory Funk Jr. Barr has won Florida State title, but has forfeited respectability in so doing. The man has sold his soul for glory, and for that he should be damned.



Thumbs Down to Killer Brooks: Killer Tim Brooks might be the most notorious rulebreaker in the sport today. Brooks will use anything he can lay his hands on—chairs, tables, brass knuckles—to help him win a match. With every defense, he disgraces the Southwest heavyweight championship belt a little more. We hope that someone will come along soon who will be able to negate Brooks' illegal advantages and take the title away, but until then we condemn Brooks' title reign.

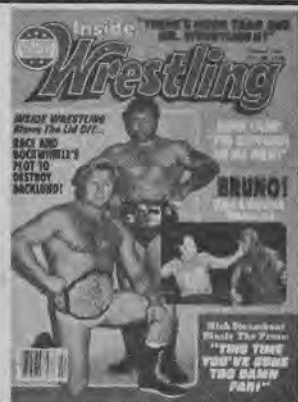


Thumbs Down to Jimmy Hart: The leader of the "First Family," has placed a \$10,000 bounty on the head of "Wildfire" Tommy Rich, claiming that his actions are in retaliation for Rich injuring Hart's neck with a piledriver. What Hart neglected to reveal was that Rich performed that maneuver on him after he interfered in one of Rich's matches. To place a bounty on a man's life is a disgusting act, but a fitting act for a man of Hart's character. On top of that, Hart is attempting to mislead the fans, an equally despicable act. □

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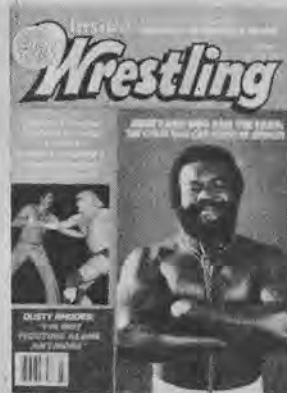
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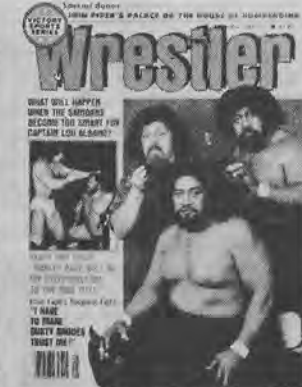
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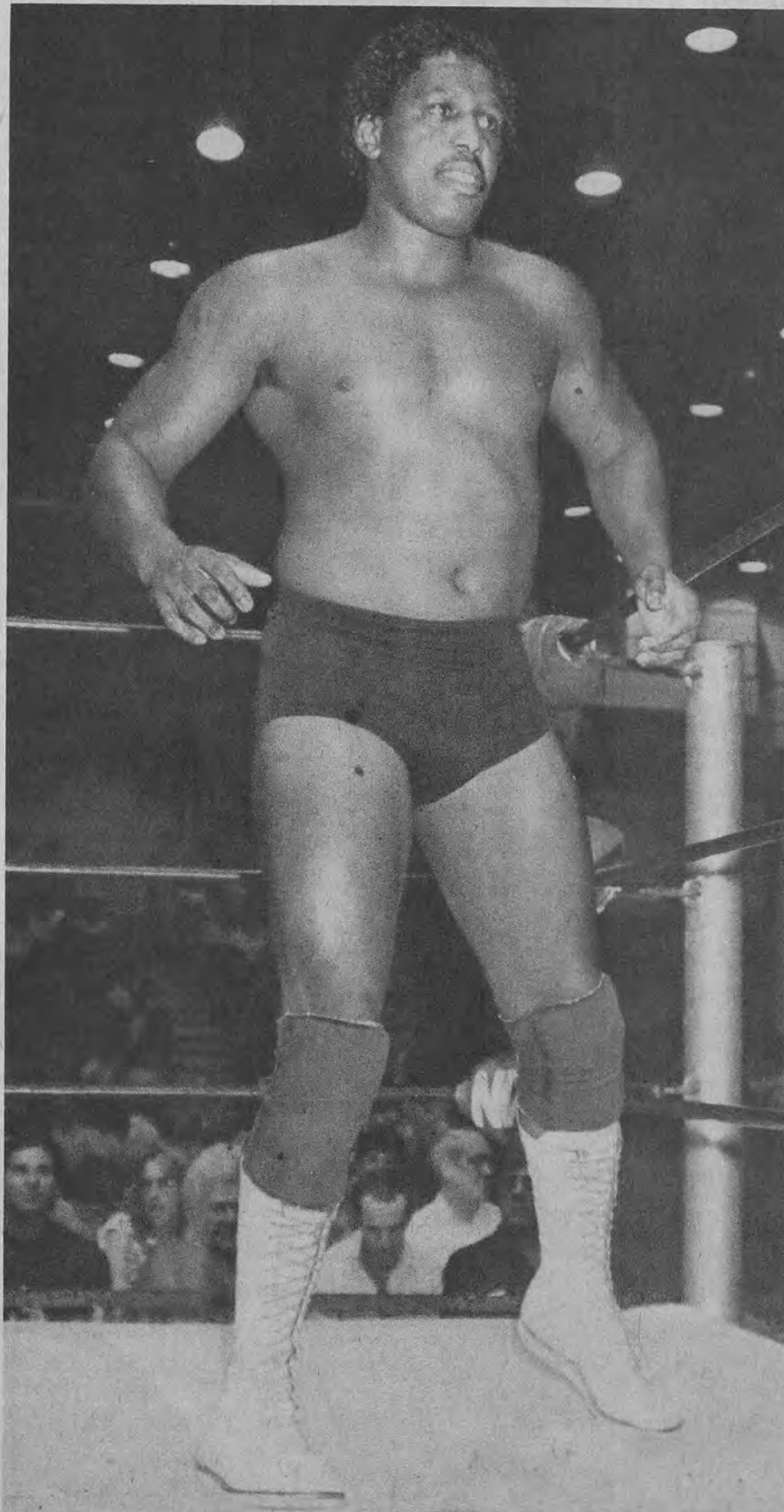
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We had a list of names of many of Larry's friends. We called them all; none of them could help us.

How did we get in touch with Larry? We didn't. He got in touch with us.

"It shouldn't have been that tough for you guys," said Hamilton, who from time to time goes off by himself to work out new strategies and just relax. Larry could talk about finding people: He spent several years studying criminology at Tampa University.

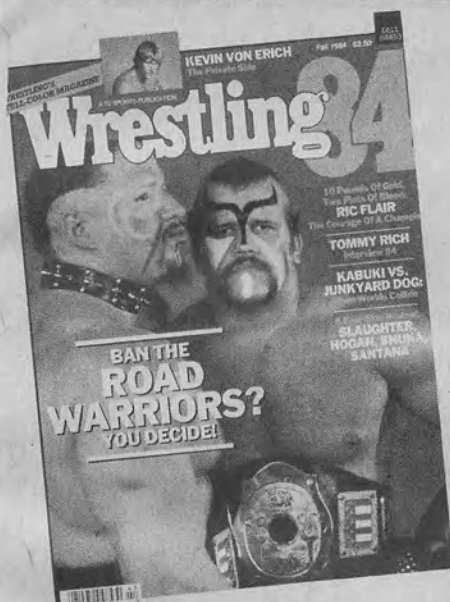
"You people could have been hiding from me and I guarantee I could have found each and every one of you," Larry said. "Finding people isn't so tough, once you get the hang of it!"

Larry Hamilton is a good-looking young man who has not only the ability to find people, but to find the path to success. The 5'11", 232-pounder has the kind of educational background that leads men to become criminal attorneys rather than professional wres-

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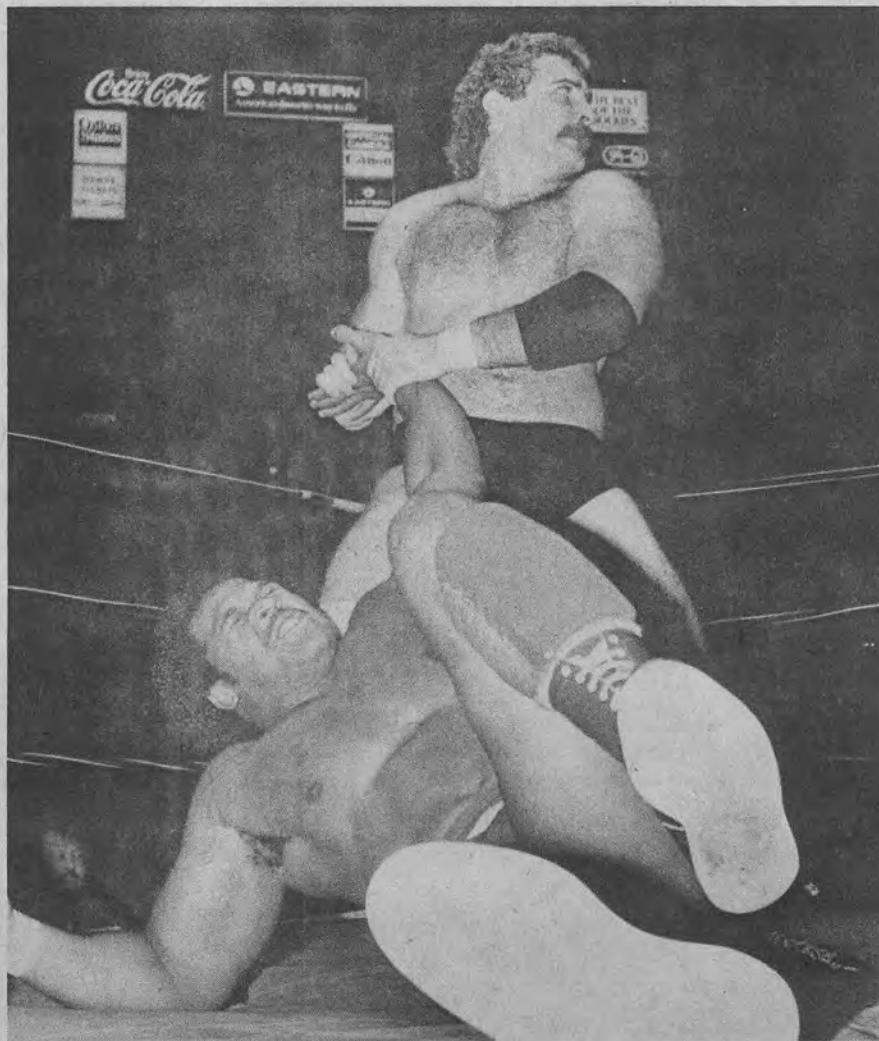
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Each month, *The Wrestler* will present a "Question and Answer" forum with an important figure in the wrestling world. It is your chance to meet wrestling's biggest stars as they answer the questions uppermost in the fans' minds

[Editor's Note: As we went to press, Magnum T.A. lost the North American championship to Ernie Ladd in Shreveport, Louisiana. Details on the title change can be found in "What's Happening," on page 8.]



Q: It doesn't seem like you've had a chance to take a breath since last year.

A: Yeah, sometimes I feel like that. I guess I keep myself pretty busy.

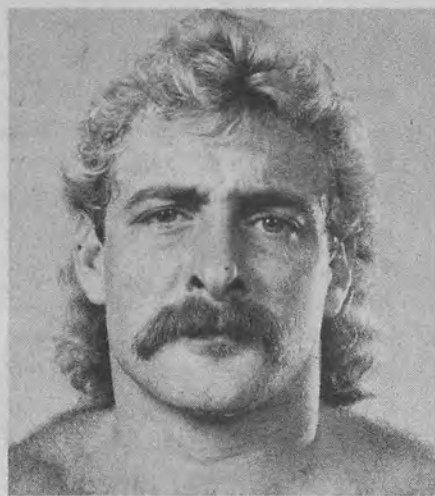
Q: What is a day in the life of Magnum T.A. like?

A: Well, I get up in the morning, and I stretch out, and then I go running. I come back, take a shower, eat breakfast, and then I'm usually on the phone for a while talking to promoters, or my lawyer, or dealing with some other business interest. Then I go to the gym, spend a couple hours there, and then I eat a big lunch, 'cause I don't like to eat right before a match. I try to relax for a little while, watch a little TV or play my guitar. Then I get in my car and drive to wherever the match is, and I wrestle. The hardest part of the day is trying to sleep when I come home.

Q: What makes it hard to get to sleep?

A: Thinking about having to do it all the next day.

Q: It sounds like you might not enjoy being North American champion.



MAGNUM T.A.

WE'RE ALL GLUTTONS when it comes to success. The feeling that comes from achieving one's goals is a highly addictive drug, and one experience with the feeling is never enough. Ask Terry "Magnum T.A." Allen. A year ago, T.A. had just begun his first North American championship reign. He would be stripped of the title soon thereafter, but his intense desire for success would drive him to a second title reign. T.A. has felt the euphoria of success in 1984, and has experienced the despair of failure as well, but he will tell you that all in all it has been a good year. The 27-year-old from Virginia Beach, Virginia, has managed to battle through a number of obstacles this year, and as it draws to a close, he stands as one of the Cinderella stories of 1984. After a recent match in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Assistant Editor Joseph Bua and T.A. discussed the past year, fame, success, and the future.

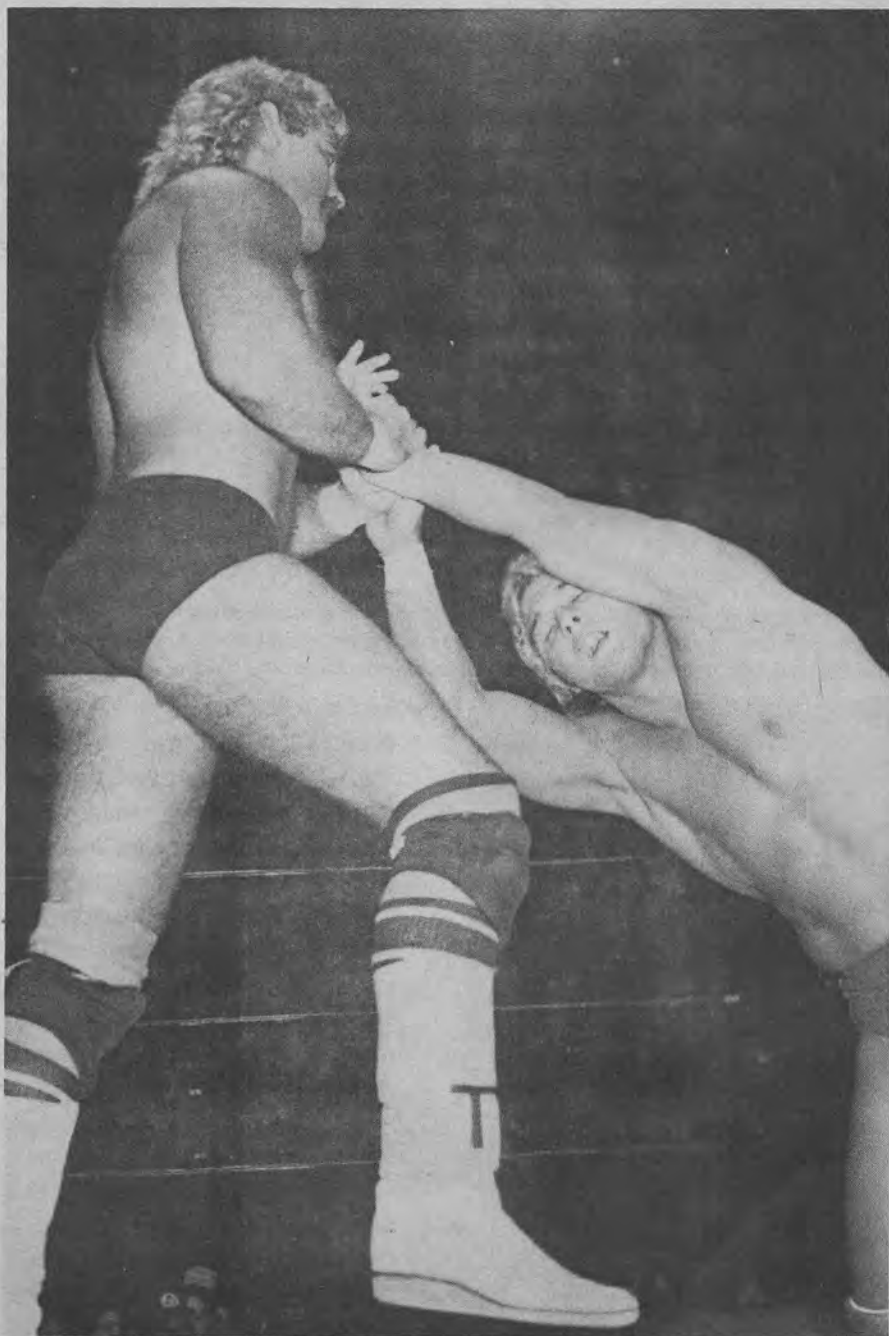
A: No, no, it's not that. I love being the champion. If anything, I worry about not doing it right. I don't want this to end, you know? I've never been happier.

Q: Is there anything you miss, something you had before all the success that you'd like to have back?

A: I've always wanted to ride across country on my motorcycle, and I can't do that now. I have too many commitments. Sometimes, I'd like to have the time to sit around all day on the front porch of my parents' house and play the guitar. I'd like to try to make records and be a performer. That's something I've wanted to try since college. But you have to sacrifice one thing for another. I didn't have to sacrifice these things just to be a wrestler. I sacrificed them to be a great wrestler. You can't be great at everything; after all, we're only human beings. You have to really direct yourself toward one goal. Mr. Wrestling II taught me that.

Q: The fans really haven't heard too much about your reaction to the whole Mr. Wrestling II situation. It had to be a very confusing time in your life.

Magnum T.A. lowers Terry Taylor to his knees in a test of strength during a thrilling scientific encounter between friends (right). In a different type of match entirely, T.A. applies a wristlock on Butch Reed (opposite page).





Though considerably shorter than Ernie Ladd, Magnum T.A. is one of the few men who can match "The Cat" in strength. T.A. whips Ladd into the ropes (above). T.A. salutes the fans with his title belt before returning to the dressing room (below).



A: You're telling me! For a while, I didn't know if I was coming or going. Two things I did know, though, was that I wanted the North American title and that I hated Wrestling II. Looking back on that time, I can't believe the things he did. But I also see his reasons for doing those things. He made me a better man and a better wrestler, and he risked his entire career to make me a champion.

Q: And now you *are* a champion. Is being a champion and defending a title what you thought it would be?

A: The first time I was champion, it was only for a couple months, and as the records will show, I screwed it up by making that unsanctioned title defense against Nikolai Vol-

koff. That's why I was stripped of the belt. Now, I've held the belt since May, and I think I have a pretty good grasp on it. One thing is that it's a lot different than holding a tag team title. When you have a tag title, you always have someone to depend on. As a singles champion, you're out there on your own. It's a pretty lonely existence. I mean, you have your friends, but there's always that sense that you're the champ and even your friends wouldn't mind getting in the ring with you.

Q: You recently turned back the challenge of a very good friend of yours, Terry Taylor. Was it hard to get up for a match against Terry?

A: Yeah. In the title defenses before that—Ernie Ladd, Butch Reed, Bobby Eaton, Buddy Landell—I had a good reason to want to beat them; I didn't like those guys. It's tough when it's a friend across the ring from you. But finally, I looked at myself in the mirror and said, "Get psyched up Terry, 'cause this guy wants your title, friend or not!"

Q: And that worked?

A: Well, I beat him. I guess that answers your question.

Q: Do you like being recognized on the street?

A: Most of the time, yeah. I mean, I'm not The Beatles or anything, but when I go to the store, or when I check into a hotel, and people know me and congratulate me on a match, that's great. What I don't exactly like is being mobbed after the matches when I'm tired or hurt, or both, and I just wanna get home.

Q: Do you want to be wrestling in, say, 10 years?

A: I want to be world champion for eight years in 10 years.

Q: So you're predicting a world championship in two?

A: You never know what's gonna happen in this sport, but that's my goal. And I'm gonna do everything I can to get there. □

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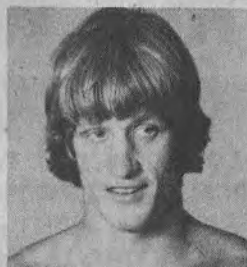
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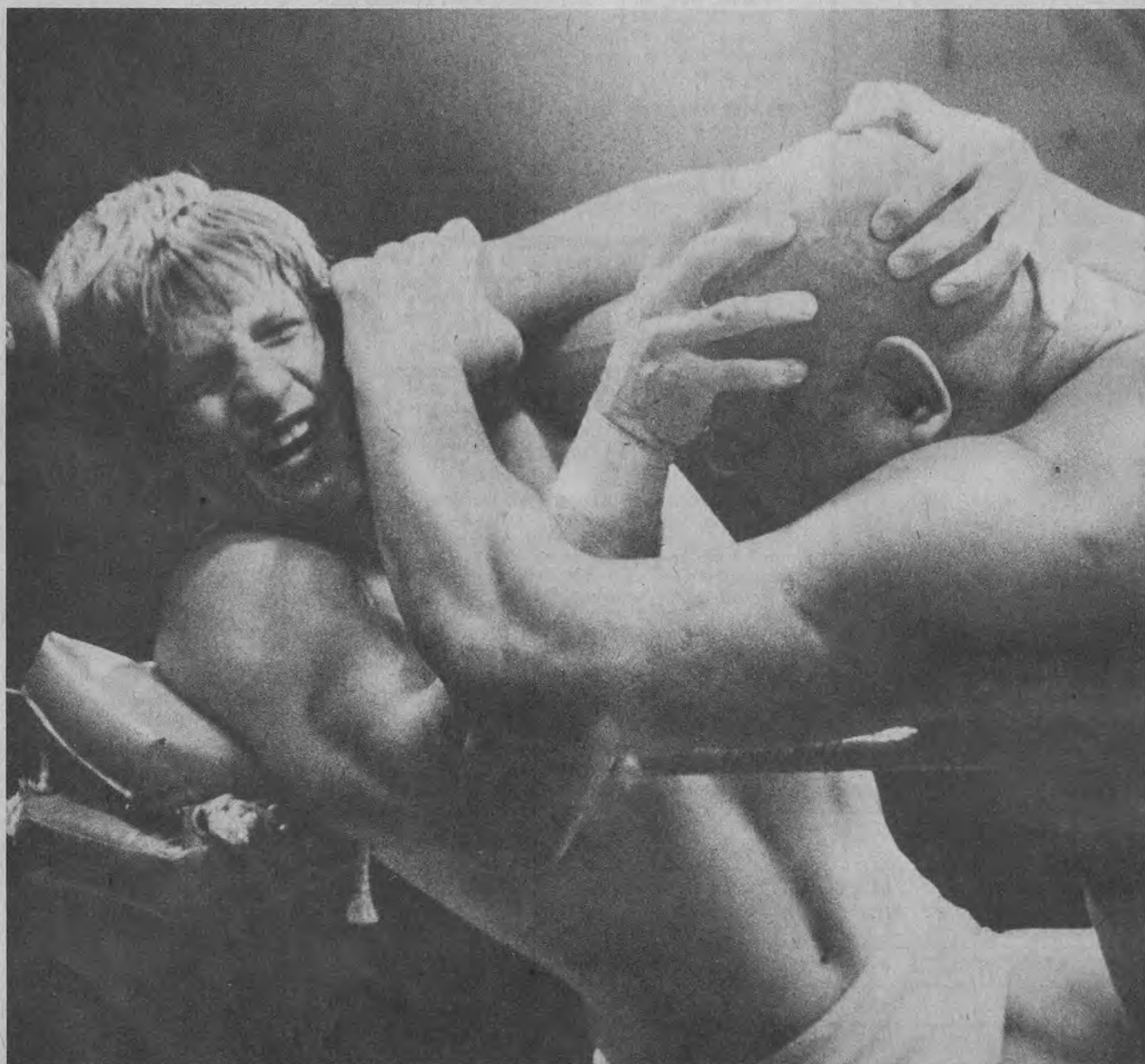
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THE WRESTLER PANEL EXAMINES



**KEVIN
VON ERICH**

Each month
THE WRESTLER'S panel of experts
will offer their candid opinions of one
of wrestling's stars. Whether an up-and-coming
youngster or an established superstar in his own right,
our panel will always be frank and honest without fear of reprisal



Though backed up against the ropes by Killer Khan, Kevin Von Erich is determined to maintain his clawhold. That determination sets the Von Erichs apart from most wrestlers. Among the Von Erich brothers, Kevin, the oldest, is recognized as the most versatile. A world championship is almost certainly in his future.



BRUNO SAMMARTINO

"When I see Kevin Von Erich wrestle, I'm reminded of Antonino Rocca. No matter what I thought of Rocca, I did respect his talent, his skills, and his originality in the ring. I see those same things in Kevin Von Erich, combined with great strength for a 240-pounder, and, of course, the Von Erich clawhold. Of all the Von Erich boys, I'd say Kevin is the most versatile, the most well-rounded wrestler."

Bruno Sammartino is known as wrestling's "Living Legend." He is the most popular wrestler to ever hold the WWF title.



TERRY FUNK

"Kevin Von Erich? I knew him when he was just a little kid. And he's grown up to be one of the most popular wrestlers around. But one thing about Kevin Von Erich is that he spends too much time and energy on defending himself. He's a great defensive wrestler, but he just doesn't take enough chances in the ring. How can you win matches backing up? He's gotta get more backbone."

Terry Funk has held the NWA World championship, the Missouri State title, and a number of other regional titles.



GENE KINISKI

"There's one difference between Kevin Von Erich and his brother Kerry. Kevin is even worse a wrestler than Kerry. My boy Kelly was down there in the World Class area, and from what he tells me, all those Von Erich boys are just a pile of publicity and 8x10 glossy photos. How Kerry won the title is a mystery to me, and how Kevin has gone this far without permanent injury is right out of 'Ripley's Believe It Or Not.'"

Gene Kiniski is a rugged Canadian who was NWA World champion in the late 1960s.



BUDDY ROGERS

"You know, I've been involved in professional wrestling for a long time, but I don't think I've enjoyed watching anyone wrestle as much as I enjoy watching Kevin Von Erich. He has such a fluid style. One move just seems to flow into the other. He has one of the best drop-kicks in wrestling. He gets incredible height on it. Well, he's a great all-round athlete, and that's obvious in every one of his matches."

Buddy Rogers is the only man to hold both the NWA World title and the WWF title.



LOU THESZ

"A classic wrestler. In fact, I'd go so far as to say that Kevin Von Erich should be, if he isn't already, the model to follow for youngsters who want to become professional wrestlers. He's strong, but also quick, agile, versatile, and knowledgeable. He can hurt you with so many different maneuvers, and he can adapt to any style. It's just so good to see this kid succeed, because he deserves it."

Lou Thesz held the NWA World title six times during his fabulous 50-year career. Many consider him the greatest all-round wrestler in history.



EDDIE GRAHAM

"The interesting thing about the Von Erichs brothers is the sharp distinction between each of them. Kerry's biggest asset is his tremendous strength. Mike is so driven to be as good as his brothers that he'll do anything to win. And Kevin, well Kevin is just so naturally gifted, and he uses those gifts so well. The maneuvers just seem to pour out of him. He makes everything look so easy. He's always in control."

Eddie Graham is a former co-holder of the World tag team title, and was a top contender for the NWA World title for more than 20 years.

"The People's Choice"

HOW RIC FLAIR BROKE



YOU KNOW THE FEVER. It starts in the pit of your stomach. It's a fluttering, maybe that's why they call the feeling "butterflies." The fluttering becomes a rumbling, and its intensity grows until it begins to spread: to your chest, and then into your arms and legs.

The adrenaline begins to flow through your body. It feels like an electrical charge. There are chemical reactions occurring in your body, and you can feel them. It starts to get warm—no, it's your body that's heating up. The blood is flowing. The electrical charges are going off one by one in succession like a string of firecrackers. The body is alive.

This is the fever, and Billy Jack has it as he walks into the ring in West

Palm Beach, Florida. His fans line the aisles at the Auditorium, wishing him well as he makes his way to center of the arena. The fever is now spreading into the crowd. You see, the fever is contagious. The fans can sense it in Billy, and they've picked up on the feeling.

These are Billy's fans. They've been with him for the better part of the year. And Billy recognizes them, waving to the regulars who attend the bouts in West Palm Beach every Monday night. The cheers rise in volume. Groups of fans begin to chant, "BILLY! BILLY!" Billy leads them on with a raised fist, punching at the air in rhythm with their chant.

This man is ready for Ric Flair. The results of his training are obvious. As

awesome as Billy's physique was, it is even more so on this night. His arms bulge like miniature mountains as he brushes his hair back with his hands. Slabs upon slabs of muscle will protect him from the punishment Flair has planned for him.

As Flair enters the arena and the fans begin their boos and jeers, Billy Jack sits back in the ring corner on the second turnbuckle. His elbows rest on his knees and his chin rests on his clenched fists. He's thinking, staring a hole through the ring canvas, going over everything he has learned about the World champion since their last match.

Referee Pat Tanaka issues the prematch instructions (above left). Billy Jack takes the early advantage in a test of strength (below).



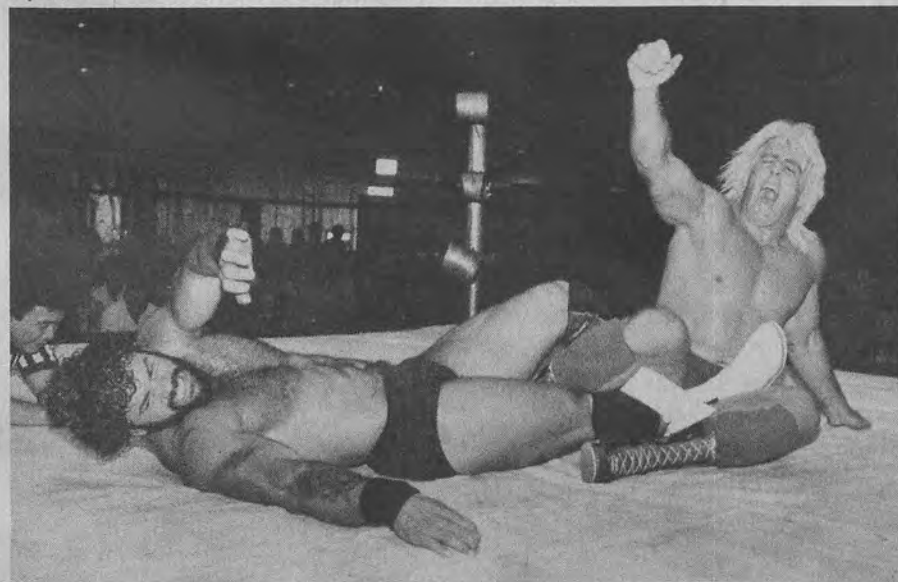
Billy Jack trained for weeks for his NWA World title shot against Ric Flair. He entered the ring confident that he would walk out with the jewel-encrusted belt around his waist. But Flair was the master that night, draining every ounce of enthusiasm from his challenger's soul, and in the process driving Billy out of the NWA

Flees The NWA:

BILLY JACK'S SPIRIT



Billy Jack's face registers the pain of a Ric Flair kneelift (above). Billy's left leg will take the brunt of the champion's atomic kneedrop (right). Billy Jack manages to make his way to the ropes, but Flair's figure-four leglock (below) will have taken its toll.



The videotapes play back in his mind. He remembers the holds and counterholds he worked on in the gym. He remembers one tape of a Flair match. "Now we're goin' to school," Flair says cockily as he traps the oppo-

nent in his figure-four leglock, like a spider catches her prey in her web. That scene plays over again in Billy's head. Then he shakes his head, almost in an effort to shake the memory from his brain. Yes, Flair's figure-four is a



potent weapon, but he has so many others. There's no sense in torturing himself.

They stand in the ring, Flair and Billy, on either side of referee Pat Tanaka. Billy stares at Flair. Flair stares at the ground. Is Flair not taking his foe seriously? We'll soon find out.

The bell rings. The crowd is screaming; booing Flair, cheering Billy, shouting encouragement. The regulars feel as much a part of this match as the participants. Quickly, Billy grabs Flair



Though badly weakened, a desperate Billy Jack manages to apply a sleeperhold (above left). Seconds after leapfrogging his challenger (above right), Flair will roll Billy Jack up for the victory.

in a headlock. "Bring him down," a fan screams. Billy does so, and Flair lands on the canvas with a thud. Billy squeezes on the headlock.

Then Flair kicks his legs up and wraps them around Billy's head. He breaks the hold with his headscissors and quickly rises to his feet. Billy catches Flair in another headlock. Flair throws him into the ropes. Billy comes off, Flair drops to the canvas and trips him up.

Flair works on Billy's legs throughout the match. Despite the pain, Billy continues valiantly. Just as it looks like Billy will take control of the bout, the crafty champ throws his challenger through the ropes. Billy lands on his feet, but off-balance. He twists his left knee strangely, falling to the floor screaming. It might have been better for him had he landed squarely on his back.

Billy comes back again, still fueled by that fever. His jaw is clenched shut. The pain is registered all over his face. But he continues. Flair has Billy at an incredible disadvantage. He brings him into the ring with a suplex, grabs his hair to lift him off the canvas, and lifts

him for an atomic kneedrop. Flair adds a twist to it, however, bringing Billy's bent left leg down across his own knee.

Billy lies on the mat in pain. Sweat runs down the side of his face. He is helpless as Flair stands above him. The arena is silent. The fans sit stunned as Flair prepares for his next move.

"Now we're goin' to school!" Flair says, his voice echoing through the arena. And again and again in Billy's mind. There's nothing for him to do, nowhere to go. He just watches as Flair grabs the leg, spins around, grabs the other leg, overlaps his legs and then drops to the mat. Flair cinches down on the hold. Billy is just waiting for Tanaka to come over and ask him, "Do you give?" But there's a ring rope nearby. If he could only grab that rope.

He stretches, he rolls, he reaches. He wills his arms to grow an extra inch. Finally, he grabs the rope. The referee calls for Flair to break the hold and the champ obliges.

But this match has taken its toll on Billy. He's not the man he was minutes before. All he has left is the fever.

His chances are slim. After all, how far can a man's spirit take him?

Flair whips him into the ropes. Billy leapfrogs the champ, turns around, and catches the champion in a sleeperhold. Flair quickly stumbles to the side of the ring and the hold is broken.

This time Billy whips Flair. Flair leapfrogs Billy, stops, turns around and pushes the challenger into the ropes. He rolls him back and three seconds later, Flair has pinned his challenger. Tanaka raises Flair's hand in victory and hands him the belt.

Billy sits on the mat and looks up as Flair clutches onto his championship belt. There's nothing left in Billy's body, no power, no energy, no strength, no fever.

Billy Jack has left the state of Florida. Maybe he'll find success somewhere else, somewhere far away from Ric Flair. Maybe one day he'll recapture the fever, regain his spirit. Maybe he won't. The fans leave the arena with their heads hanging down, hoping the next time that someone will beat Flair and give them the fever. But it won't be Billy Jack. He'll be long gone. □



Russia's Master Plan:

AMERICAN WRESTLERS ARE TOO SOFT TO SURVIVE NIKITA KOLOFF

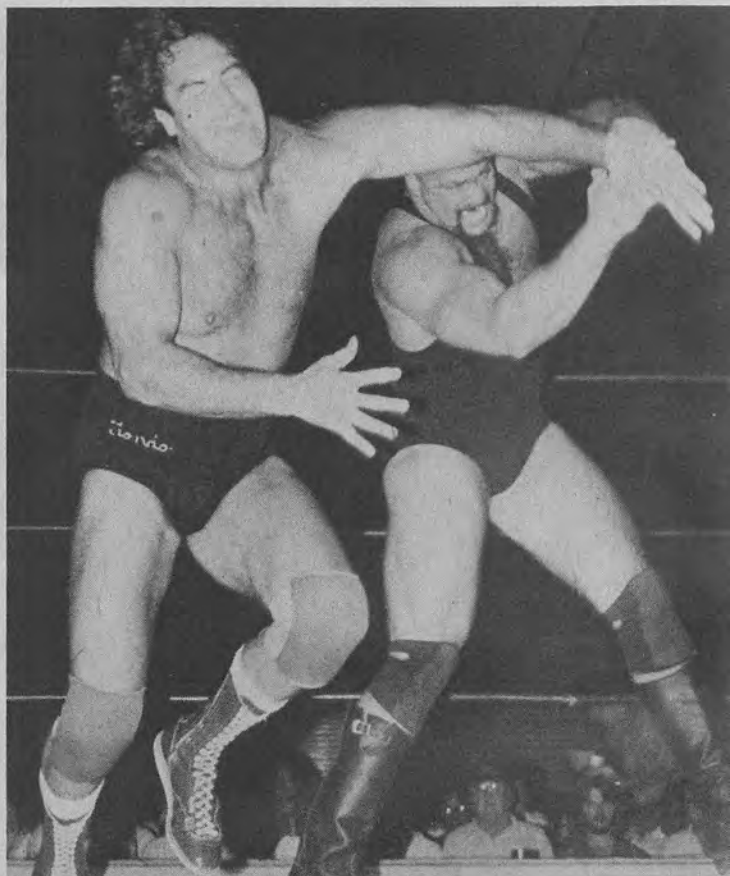
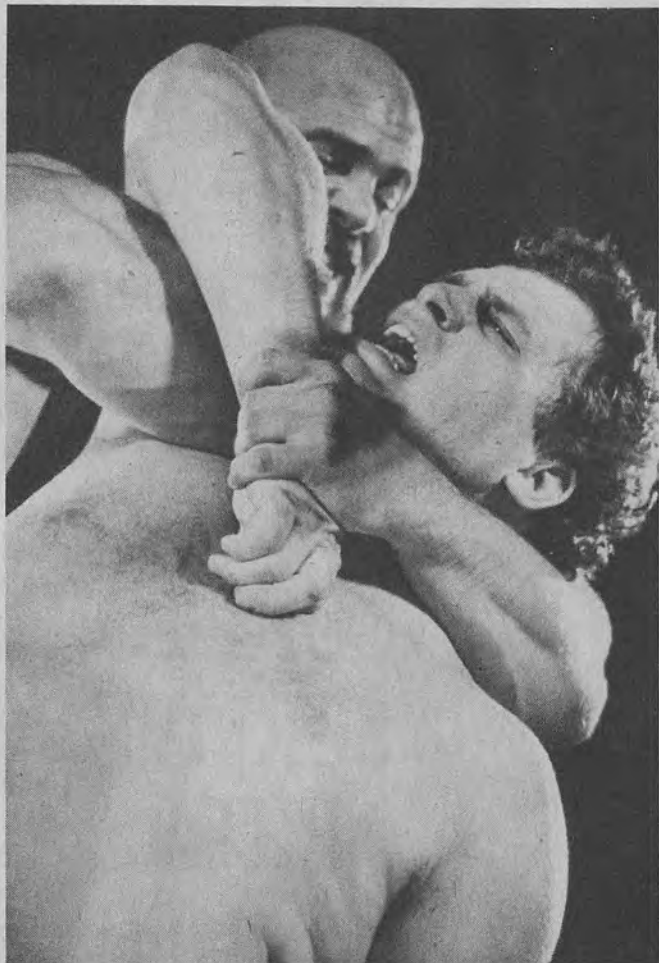
A recent immigrant from Russia, Nikita Koloff has already earned a reputation as one of the most frightening men in wrestling. Is he too much for American wrestlers? Will he crush the spirit of our nation's wrestling under his boot?

THE WOMAN WAS enjoying herself. This was the first time she'd ever seen a wrestling match and she was exhilarated by the action. She sported the kind of grin that makes other people happy just to watch her.

Suddenly, the grin left her face. She was expressionless, except for her eyes. They revealed a terror that defied any logic. Whatever scared her had touched some nerve deep within her.

Her companion didn't have to ask what was wrong. The object of her fear stood large and savage in the ring. Nikita Koloff had just entered the arena.

The woman stared hard at him, drawn by the terrible power he exudes. Then she said softly, to no one in particular, "That's the most dangerous man I've ever seen."

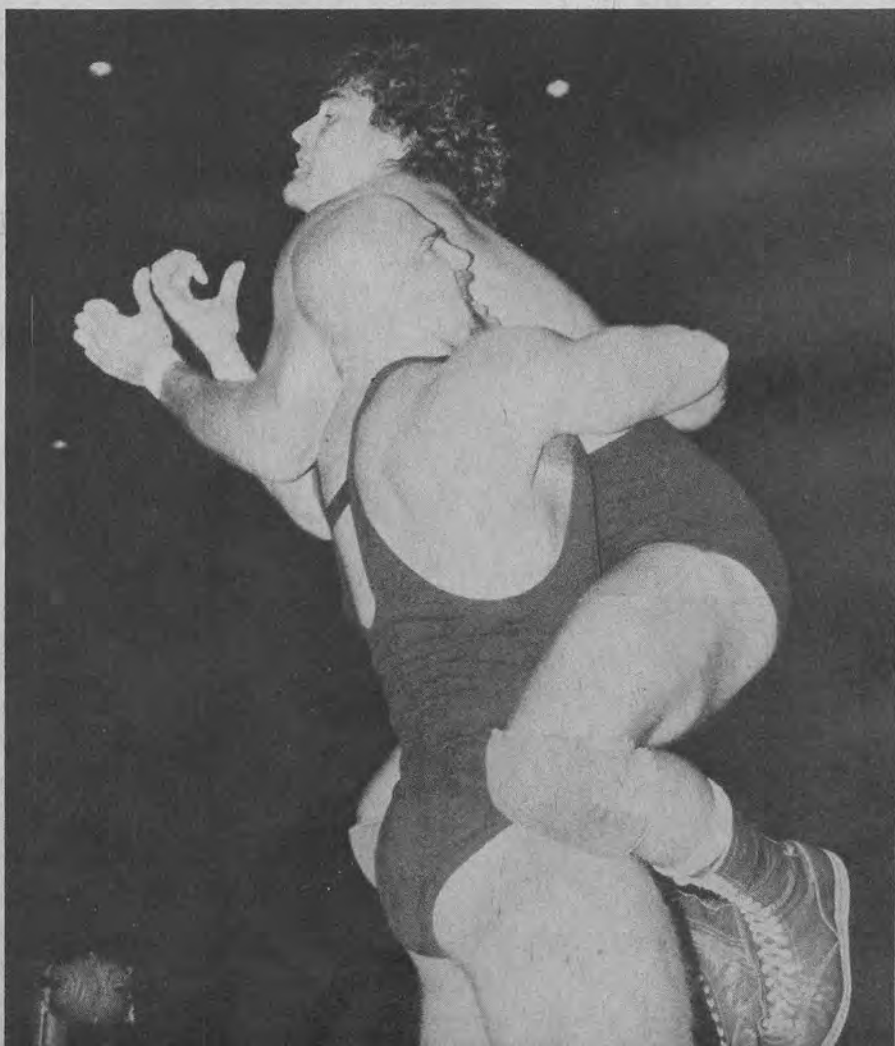


Koloff clamps the cobra clutch on Mark Fleming (left). Nikita will flip Rotundo completely over with an armtwist (above) and crush his ribs with a bearhug (below).

What is startling about this is that the woman had never seen or heard of Koloff before. There was no reason she should know he is considered the most brutalizing rookie wrestler the sport has ever seen. Yet, just by watching him walk through the aisle to the ring, she knew this man should be feared. Instinct told her what would soon be evident; during the match, Koloff tortured his hapless victim.

Ever since he emigrated from Moscow, Russia, Koloff has been a frightening force in professional wrestling. Under the tutelage of his uncle, the notorious Ivan Koloff, Nikita has ruthlessly conquered opponent after opponent. He also teamed with his uncle and Don Kernodle to form one of the most fearsome six-man tag teams in wrestling history.

The young Koloff speaks very little English, so for the purpose of this interview, he spoke through an interpreter. What he wants the world to know is that it is witnessing another Russian revolution. "No American wrestler can



match me," he says through the interpreter. "They have grown up soft and weak; everything is too easy in this country. American wrestlers are spiritually fat and spoiled; everything is handed to them. They don't know what it is to struggle. In the Soviet Union, we are not made drunk and

stupid on material things. We work for what we get. And we work hard.

"To be a great wrestler in the Soviet Union means you have worked hard to learn your craft. I have trained harder than any American would ever dare. I am hard both physically and mentally. None of my pathetic American oppo-

nents can say that.

"The only thing I have learned in America has been from my uncle. He is a true genius, and I am grateful for what he has taught me. I can now say I am the best grappler in the world, with the possible exception of my uncle. Certainly, we are the two best wrestlers in America."

When Koloff is asked about his American partner, Don Kernodle, he sneers and replies, "Kernodle is the luckiest man in wrestling. He is good, but he is American. That means he lacks the toughness that is born into every Russian. But it is necessary that we have him, so he remains with my uncle and me. No, Kernodle is not the same calibre wrestler as the Koloffs."

(When Kernodle heard this, he simply shook his head and said he'd heard it before. He also muttered something about the next time he hears it will be the last time.)

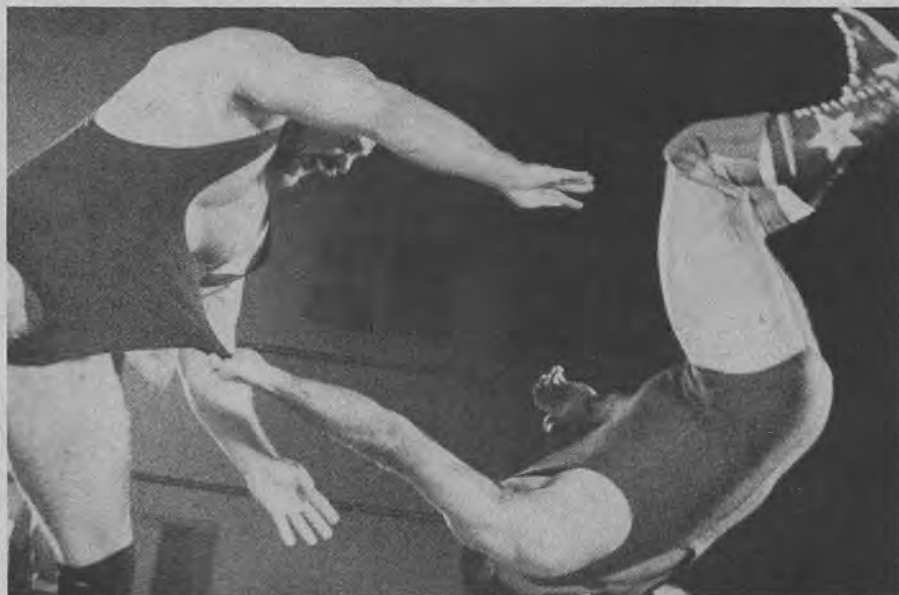
It is incredible to realize Nikita is only a rookie. Not surprisingly, he doesn't consider himself a beginner.

"By the time I came to America," he brags, "I knew more than most Americans will ever learn. In Russia, they teach better and expect more; you learn to live up to their expectations. In America, young wrestlers aren't pushed, they're coddled. That's why they're so incompetent when they first turn professional. It takes years as a professional to learn what I knew as an amateur.

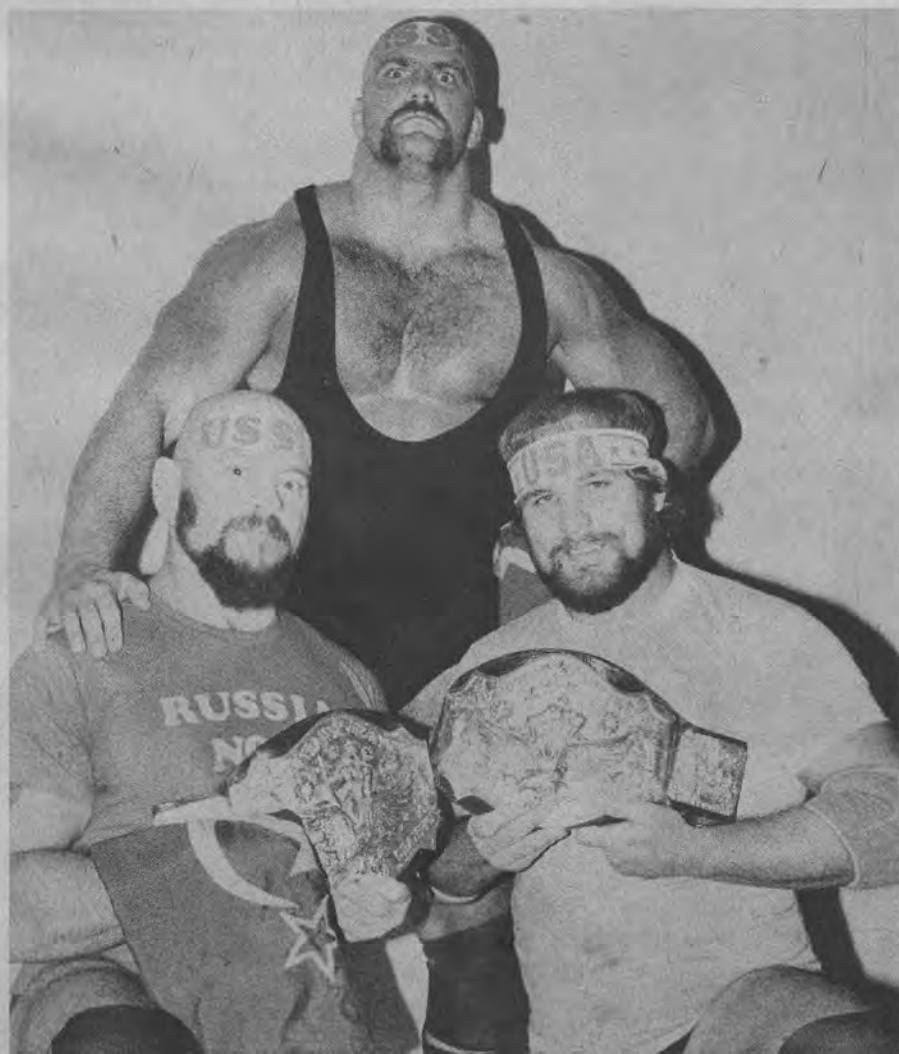
"This does not mean I will not get better. I am always improving. At my age, I am still about a decade away from my peak. Already, I'm one of the best wrestlers America has ever seen. In 10 years, I'll be a legend in my own time.

"I only wish I could get better competition in America. It's too easy to beat these punks I meet here. I just hope the poor quality of opponent doesn't make me soft."

At that, Koloff strides away. Watching that massive body move, you understand easily what instinctively scared the woman. And you also know that all of professional wrestling should be just as scared. □



As he's bodyslammed by Koloff, Mike Jackson tries to break his fall by grabbing the Russian's tights (above). Koloff, who has been in the U.S. only a few months, stands behind his uncle, Ivan, and Don Kernodle (below).



Greg Valentine Wins Tito Santana's Intercontinental Title . . . **BUT DOES HE DESERVE TO BE CHAMPION?**



Neither man willing to budge an inch, Valentine and Santana exchange blows in the middle of the ring.

TITO SANTANA'S SCHEDULE of WWF Intercontinental title defenses was extremely difficult through all of September 1984. The middle of the month saw Santana defending the belt several times against Paul Orndorff. For two of those defenses, on September 22 in Miami and September 23 in Bloomington, Minnesota, Santana had to travel nearly 2,400 miles in less than 24 hours.

Santana lost his title to Greg Valentine 24 hours after that.

Perhaps fatigue contributed to Santana's defeat. Perhaps not. But much of the blame certainly must lie with Greg "The Hammer" Valentine's dastardly act of attacking Santana prior to the start of their title match in London, Ontario. Valentine kicked Santana in the back of his knee, causing the champion severe cartilage and ligament damage in his right knee. "The Hammer" continued to concen-

trate on Santana's knee throughout the match.

Santana lost the match, but more important, he would soon find himself in the hospital facing knee surgery.

While Santana was recovering from his operation, Valentine was successfully defending the Intercontinental title. Meanwhile, The Wrestler received hundreds of letters protesting the fact that Valentine was allowed to keep the belt. Most of the mail we received asserted that Valentine absolutely does not deserve to be champion. Selections from some of those letters follow:



Valentine reaches over the ropes, grabs Santana by the hair, and eyes the metal ringpost just a few feet away.

I have been following WWF wrestling for years, and I am appalled by the fact that the WWF officials and commissioners would allow the recent change of the Intercontinental title to stand. Valentine should have been disqualified from that match immediately when he attacked Santana before the



The impact of Valentine's shoulderbreaker would weaken Santana's right arm considerably.

bell even rang. Valentine does not deserve to hold the belt. He stole it because of a sadistic sneak-attack. The WWF should strip Valentine of the belt and return it to the rightful champion: Tito Santana.

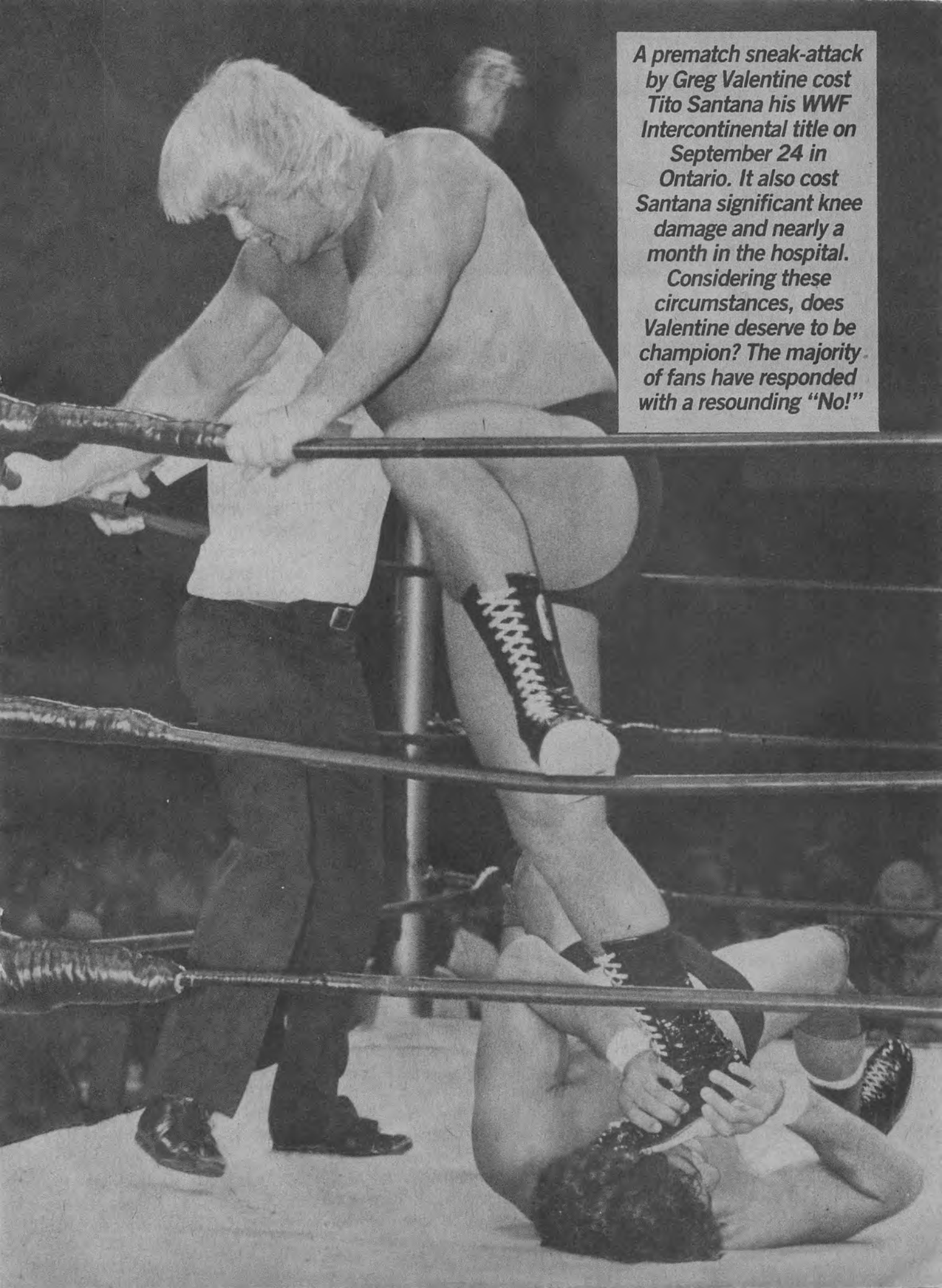
BERNARD DIETRICH
Brooklyn, New York

I almost cried when I saw what Greg Valentine did to Tito Santana. He shouldn't have the title. He ambushed Tito. He hurt Tito so bad that he had to have his knee operated on. The WWF should take the Intercontinental title away from Valentine and ban him from wrestling for a year. At least.

BARBARA LEWIS
Baltimore

What a sleazebucket. That's a good name: Greg "The Sleazebucket" Valentine.
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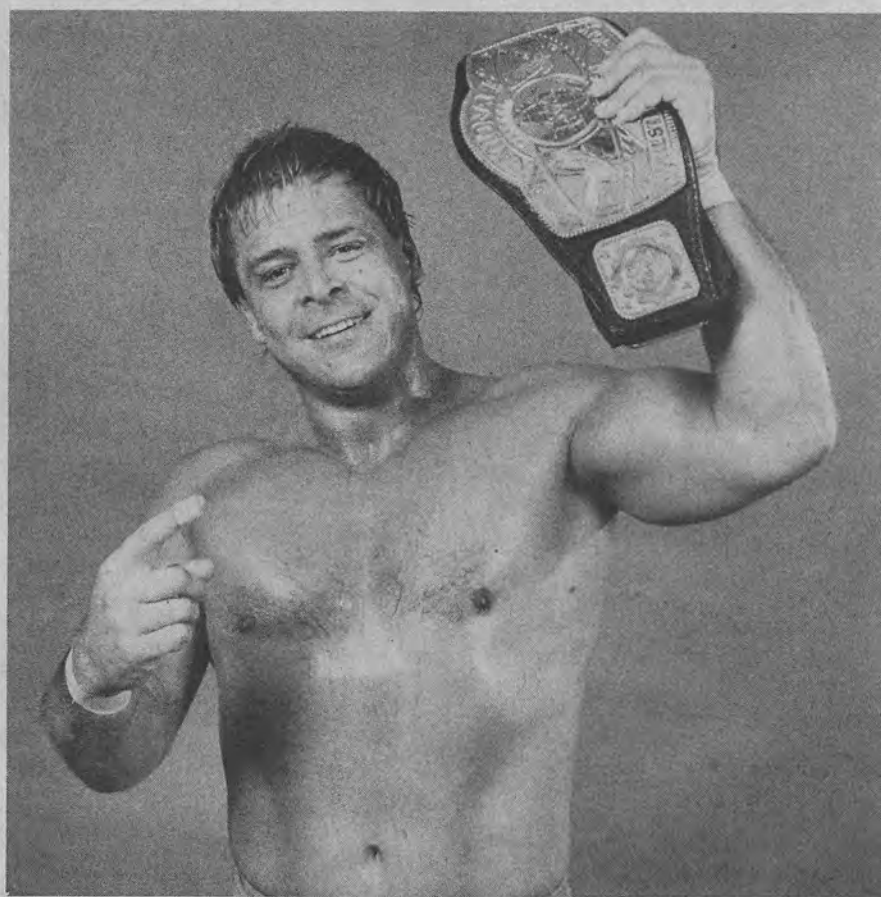
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A prematch sneak-attack by Greg Valentine cost Tito Santana his WWF Intercontinental title on September 24 in Ontario. It also cost Santana significant knee damage and nearly a month in the hospital. Considering these circumstances, does Valentine deserve to be champion? The majority of fans have responded with a resounding "No!"

— Finally At The Top —

RONNIE GARVIN WINS THE NATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE



RONNIE GARVIN STARED into the mirror in his dressing room at the Baltimore Civic Center. He was studying himself with an unnatural intensity, examining every detail of the musculature in his arms and shoulders, every scar and line in his face.

"This body's been bumped and beaten in more arenas around the world than I can count," Garvin

said to no one in particular. "And tonight—well, tonight it's DiBiase again. And the belt's on the line. And the fans out there are counting on me."

Garvin had received several opportunities in the past to wrestle for the National heavyweight title. Each match ended with the frustration of coming so very close to that revered goal . . . but ultimate-

ly resulted in failure.

"Tonight I feel good," Garvin said. "No, it's better than good. It's great. DiBiase's going to have to have it all together tonight, because I'm ready to mix it up any way possible. DiBiase's been a scum as far as the National title is concerned. The fans don't deserve that kind of treatment."

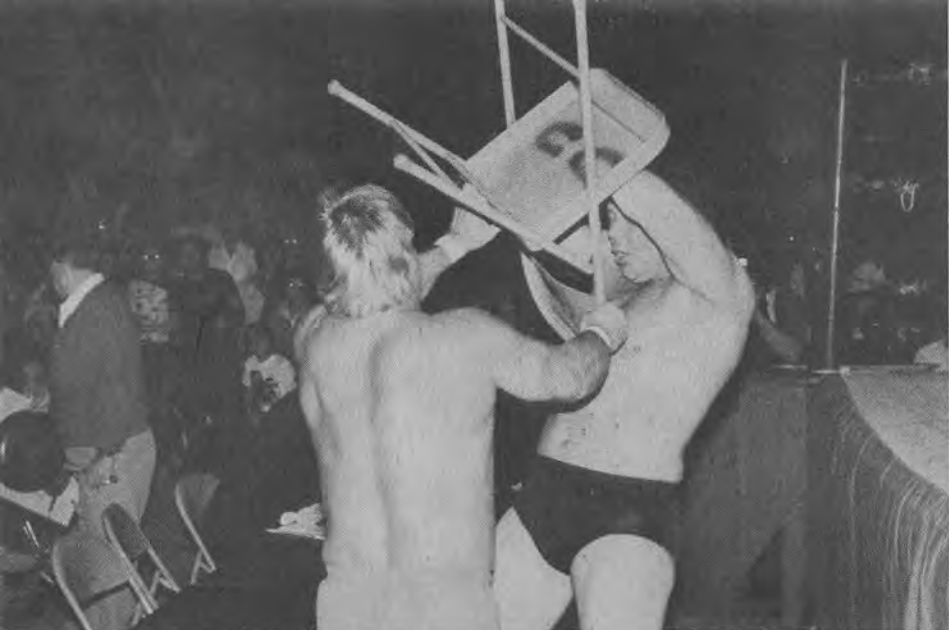
In his own dressing room, Ted DiBiase was laughing at a joke that Rip Rogers had just told. Ted Oates, Harley Race, and Bob Roop were also laughing.

"I'll tell you a joke," DiBiase said with a roar. "His name is Ronnie Garvin. He thinks he can take my National title away from me. What do you all think?"

DiBiase, Rogers, Oates, Race, and Roop exploded in a chorus of derisive laughter. "Can you imagine?" DiBiase howled with ridicule, "Garvin, the National champion? That's the funniest thing I've heard all night!"

Back in Garvin's dressing room, the sound of laughter was suppressed by distance and by several thick concrete walls. There was no merriment in Garvin's attitude, only deadly seriousness.

Roughly five minutes into the match between Ronnie Garvin and Ted DiBiase, the action had



not slackened one bit. Indeed, the match had started out at a frenzied pace and increased in intensity with every passing minute.

The two men must have been operating on pure adrenaline. DiBiase charged at Garvin, ramming his shoulder into Garvin's midsection. He then grabbed Garvin's arm and sent him flying across the ring and through the ropes.

Garvin didn't pause to catch his breath. He had no chance to: DiBiase scrambled out of the ring and prepared to pounce on Garvin, but Ronnie had grabbed a steel chair from ringside and

Ted DiBiase has long been a thorn in the flesh of the Georgia area wrestling scene. His National title reign was distinguished by disrespect toward the fans, and a sense of brutal sadism toward his fellow wrestlers. Ronnie Garvin brought that evil title reign to an end in Baltimore—and by doing so achieved the greatest victory of his career

DiBiase made the mistake of throwing Garvin out of the ring two times. Each time Ted followed Ronnie out to press his advantage, he came out on the short end. The first time, Garvin hits DiBiase with a chair (top) and the second time, Ronnie temporarily blinds the champion by throwing popcorn in his eyes (below).



brought it crashing down on DiBiase's head.

Garvin, avoiding a countout, returned to the center of the ring, chair in hand. DiBiase, still smarting from the blow, refused to re-enter the ring until the chair was taken away. Referee David Hebner complied, and DiBiase hurled himself through the ropes at Garvin like an angry bull.

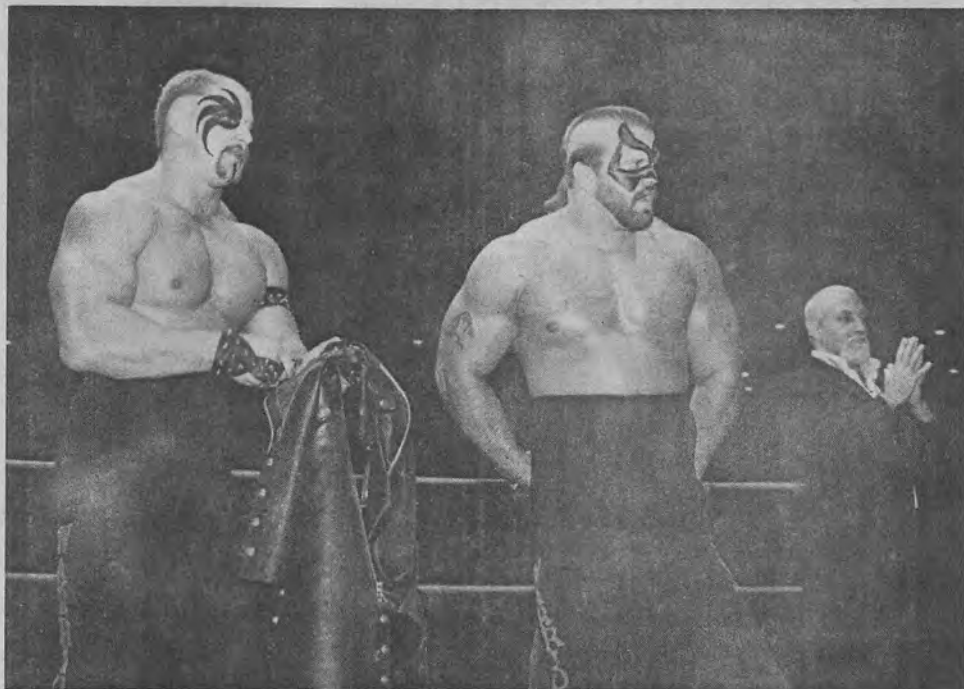
But Garvin met DiBiase at midring with a vicious forearm to the chest. DiBiase collapsed, but regained his footing to deliver a stinging chop to Garvin's throat. A massive shot to Garvin's chest sent him flying through the ropes again.

DiBiase was anxious to pounce on Garvin with this second out-of-the-ring opportunity, but Garvin moved with the quickness of a cat. He grabbed a giant barrel of popcorn from a ringside fan and hurled it in DiBiase's face, temporarily blinding him. This gave Gar-

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The Road Warriors v

The Road Warriors are widely acknowledged as the most vicious and sadistic tag team in professional wrestling today. The Kiwi Sheepherders are known throughout wrestling as the most insanely crazed and bloodthirsty tag team in The Lone Star State. When these two teams clashed in Texas, the result was an uncontrollable eruption of mayhem and senseless destruction



THE ROAD WARRIORS walk proudly toward the ring. Most other wrestlers adopting their stride would be accused of sucking in their guts and puffing out their chests in a display of false

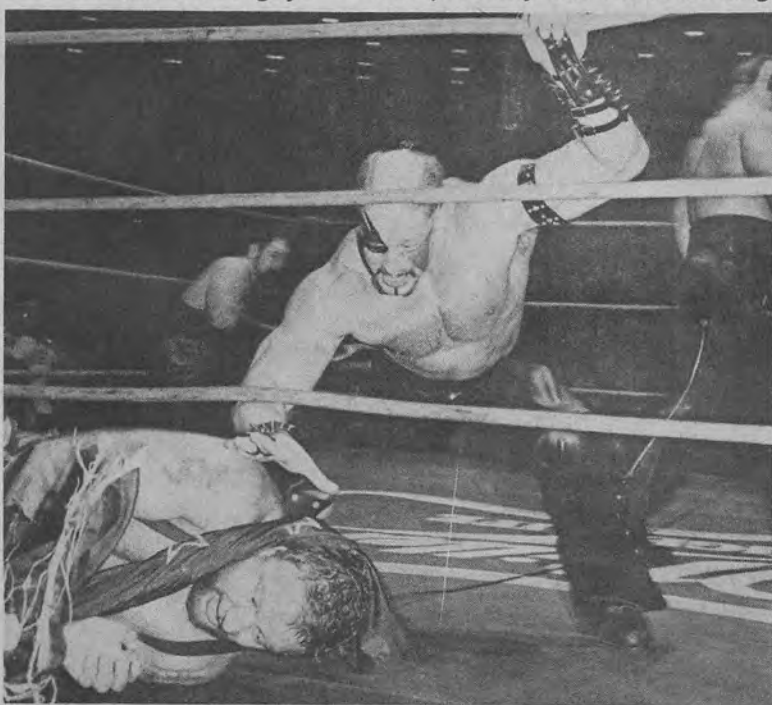
power. Not the Warriors. They couldn't puff out their chests if they wanted to. There's too much muscle there.

●
"I just can't believe these guys

Hawk and Animal," said Jerry Ash, a ringside fan in San Antonio's Hemisfair Arena. "A couple of months ago I saw the Warriors wrestle The Fabulous Ones. Hell, it was probably the most exciting



Road Warrior Hawk slams a chair over Luke Williams' head in a prematch attack (above). Hawk whips Williams with the flag of New Zealand (right) and beats the Sheepherder with the flag standard (opposite right).



A FEAST OF BLOOD

s. The Shepherders:



match I've ever seen. When the Warriors are involved, you just know that you're in for plenty of action."

The Warriors' manager, Pre-



cious Paul Ellering, was outlining to ring announcer Steve Stack precisely what kinds of restrictions he wanted placed on his opponents during the match. Hawk and Animal paced in circles in their own corner. The Shepherders, Crazy Luke Williams and Butch Miller, stared at their opponents and smiled smiles that were all the more sinister for the fact that each man has several teeth missing. You don't get smiles like that if you're afraid to mix it up.

"In every single match that Williams and Miller wrestle in, they may take a lot of punishment," admits Maniac Jonathan Boyd, The Shepherders' manager, "but they like it. And they're like good businessmen, taking in more money than they pay out. Because not only do they like it, they always, and I mean always, manage to inflict more pain and

punishment than they receive. In my book, that means success and victory."

Before the timekeeper even had a chance to ring the bell, Hawk and Animal were all over The Shepherders. Hawk grabbed the New Zealand flag standard that Crazy Luke Williams had carried into the ring. While Animal attacked Boyd and Miller, Hawk used the New Zealand flag itself to whip and choke Luke Williams. Then Animal joined in the attack on Williams as Hawk took the standard itself and used it to beat Butch Miller.

"We knew when we drew up the contracts for this match that all hell was going to break loose," said Southwest promoter Joe

Animal lifts Butch Miller and drives him kidney-first into his knee. Already the blood is flowing.



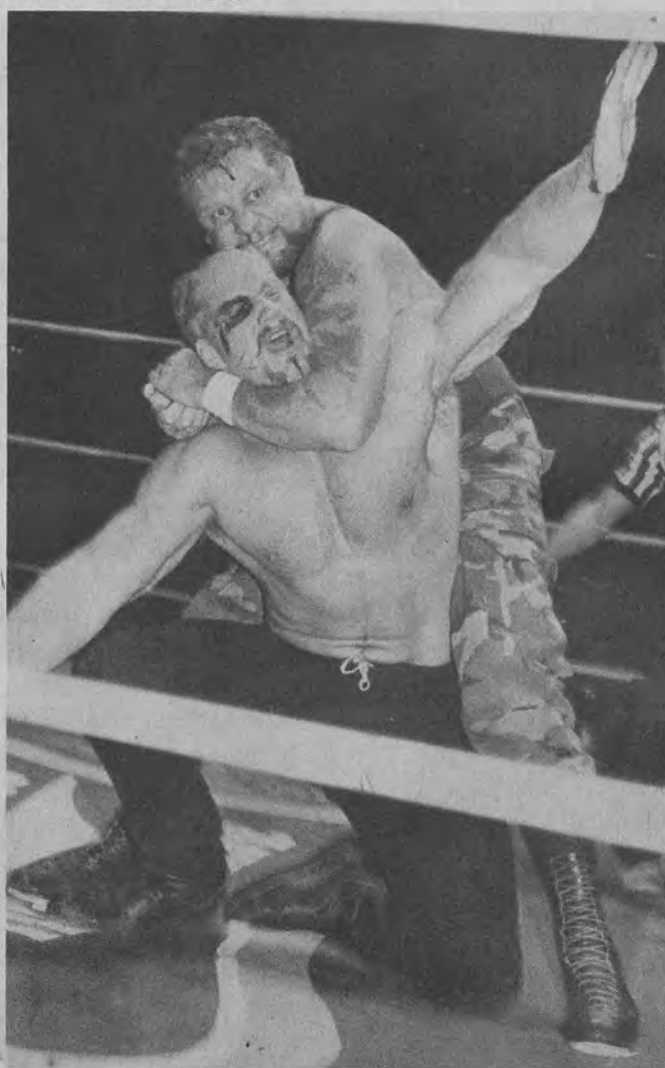
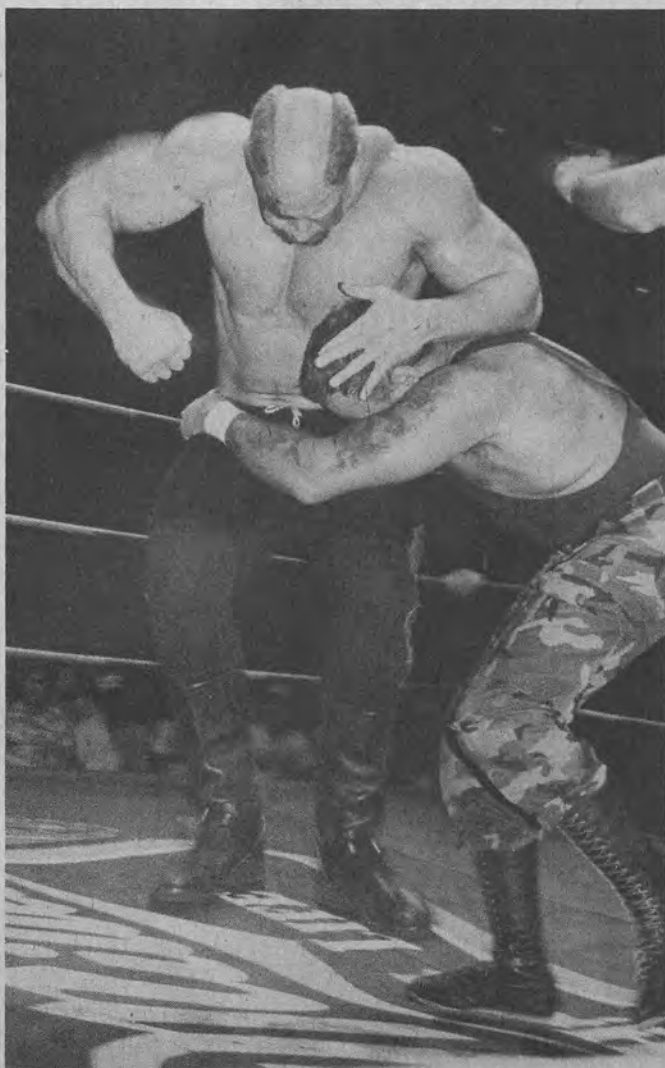
AND VIOLENCE



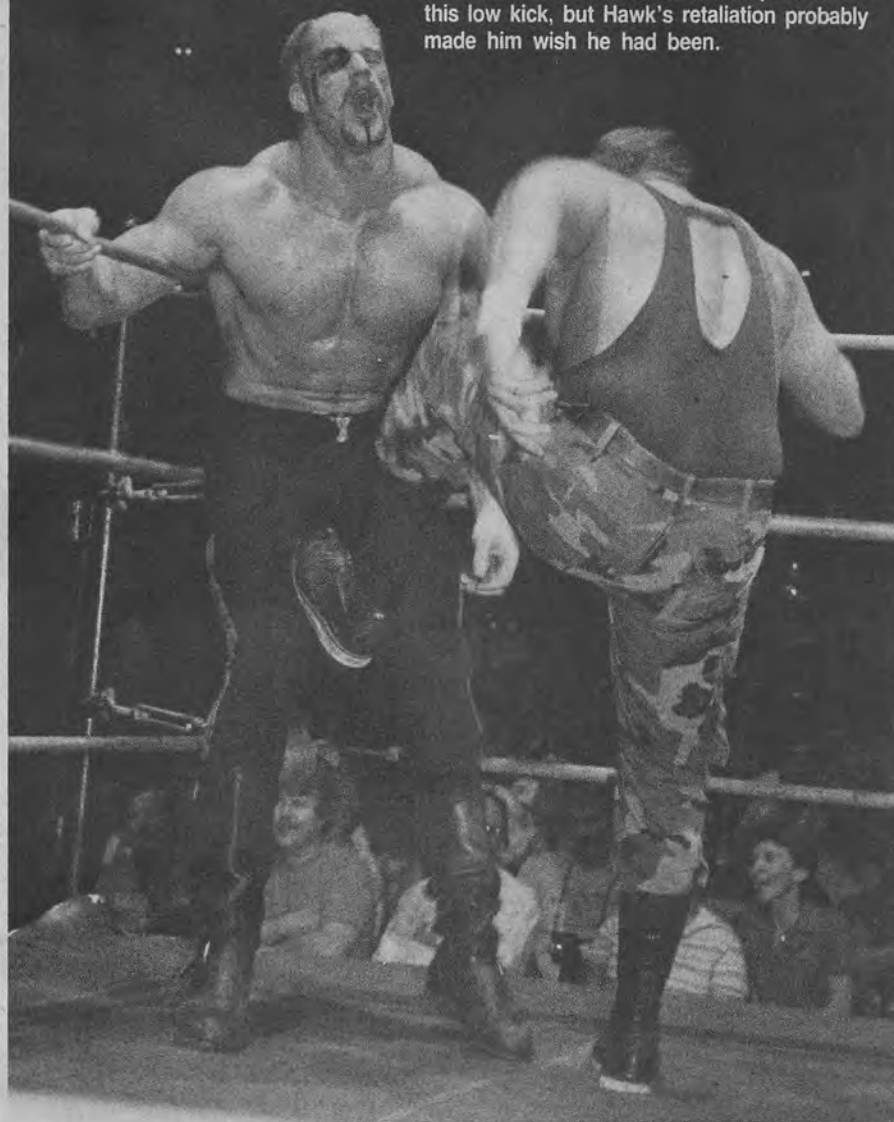
Blanchard, "but it was a match that had to take place. It was a match the fans demanded. Let me tell you something: The Sheepherders had been causing more trouble in the Southwest than a fox in a chicken coop. The Warriors may be able to control them."

Animal scooped up Williams and sent him thundering to the mat. Hawk brought a chair into the ring and hurled it into Williams' head, opening a wide gash in the Sheepherder's forehead. As Ellering stood in the ring and yelled his encouragement, both Hawk and Animal lifted Williams into the air and deposited him to the mat with a bone-shaking double-bodyslam.

As the action spills outside of the ring, Miller grabs Hawk by the right ear and throws an overhand right (above). Hawk hits Williams with a succession of chopping fists to the forehead (below left). Williams will slip his arm over Hawk's throat when the referee isn't looking (below right).



Miller was fortunate not to be disqualified for this low kick, but Hawk's retaliation probably made him wish he had been.

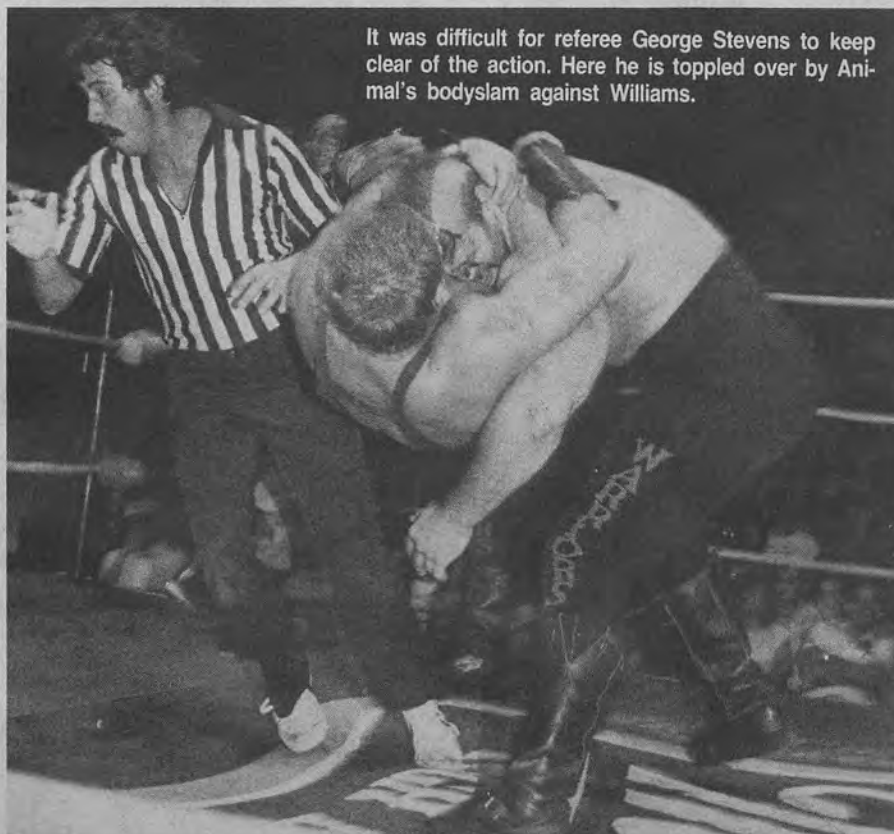


"Any team foolhardy enough to want to contend with Hawk and Animal are going to have to contend with violence in its most pure form," said Precious Paul Ellerling. "The Warriors are a pair of destructive juggernauts the likes of which have never been seen in any sport. Anyone doubting their ultimate superiority over everyone in wrestling obviously has never seen them in action."

Hawk sent a closed left fist screaming into Butch Miller's head, a head that had already been gashed wide open by several blows into the steel ringpost. As fist met flesh, splatters of blood found their way to Hawk's face. Miller collapsed to the mat as the result of the blow; Hawk extended his tongue, let out a howl, and licked some of Miller's blood from his own face. Ringside fans recoiled in horror.

"I've been refereeing here in the Southwest for almost three years, now," said George Stevens, "but I've never had to referee a match like the Warriors and The Sheeps. It was insanity. There was no way I was able to maintain any kind of control over the match, and for that I got knocked down and dazed a couple of times. I'm just lucky I didn't get seriously injured."

It was difficult for referee George Stevens to keep clear of the action. Here he is toppled over by Animal's bodyslam against Williams.



Miller grabbed Hawk by one arm and hurled him across the ring. Hawk's flight was cut short by the turnbuckles. But before Hawk had the chance to charge back and attack, Miller moved forward and drove his left foot into Hawk's crotch. The fans in the Hemisfair Arena let out a collective cry of astonishment in anticipation of the cataclysmic retaliation that was sure to follow. "You shouldn't do that," one fan at ringside screamed, "it'll only make him madder."

It did.



Beyond the Squared Circle



NWA World Champion Ric Flair poses with with New Jersey Nets basketball star Mike O'Koren.



Before a match near Atlanta, Tim Horner visits an old friend at Henderson's, a site of rodeos and wrestling.



Former NWA World champions Pat O'Connor (1959-1961) and Terry Funk (1975-1977) meet at a wrestling banquet.



Twin referees David and Earl Hebner read the August 1984 issue of *The Wrestler* and the story of Ronnie Garvin's big victory over Jake Roberts. David did an excellent job refereeing that match.



During his reign as National TV champion, Ronnie Garvin poses with 3-year-old fan Christy Butts.



Wahoo McDaniel's response to an autograph-seeking fan.



No, The Freebirds are not on Fantasy Island with Tattoo. They are in Japan with *The Wrestler* correspondent Jimmy Suzuki.



Steve O proudly calls himself the "World Champion Billiards Player Among All Heavyweight Wrestlers."



Precious Paul Ellering, always in search of new talent to add to his Legion of Doom, is an interested onlooker during a studio photo session between *The Wrestler's* Bill Apter and Randy Savage.



Stretching his muscles before a match, Stan Lane does a set of pushups in a Louisville Gardens stairway.



Tony Atlas and Mr. T have always been mutual admirers, but they never met each other until recently in Chicago. Tony Atlas and Mr. T: Now, that would be an interesting tag team!

OFFICIAL WRESTLING

Ratings are based on won-lost records for the past month, quality of opposition, and the inherent skill of each wrestler. These ratings are compiled by the editors and are universally recognized as official.



Dusty Rhodes

TOP10

- 1—**RIC FLAIR**
243, Minneapolis, MN
- 2—**RICK MARTEL**
236, Quebec City, Quebec
- 3—**DUSTY RHODES**
302, Austin, TX
- 4—**HULK HOGAN**
305, Venice Beach, CA
- 5—**KERRY VON ERICH**
251, Denton, TX
- 6—**WAHOO McDANIEL**
260, Midland, TX
- 7—**ANDRE THE GIANT**
497, Grenoble, France
- 8—**MAGNUM T.A.**
245, Chesapeake, VA
- 9—**GREG VALENTINE**
243, Seattle, WA
- 10—**RICK STEAMBOAT**
238, Honolulu, HI

TAG TEAMS

- 1—**THE ROAD WARRIORS**
AWA World tag team champions
Combined weight: 567 pounds
- 2—**DUSTY RHODES & MANNY FERNANDEZ**
NWA World tag team champions
Combined weight: 565 pounds
- 3—**STEVE KEIRN & STAN LANE**
Mid-Southern tag team champions
Combined weight: 479 pounds
- 4—**DICK MURDOCH & ADRIAN ADONIS**
WWF tag team champions
Combined weight: 521 pounds
- 5—**RICK MORTON & ROBERT GIBSON**
Mid-South tag team champions
Combined weight: 453 pounds
- 6—**RON BASS & BLACK BART**
Mid-Atlantic tag team champions
Combined weight: 546 pounds
- 7—**KRUSHER KHRUSHCHEV & JIM NEIDHARDT**
U.S. tag team champions
Combined weight: 551 pounds
- 8—**TOMMY ROGERS & BOBBY FULTON**
World Class tag team champions
Combined weight: 482 pounds
- 9—**RIP ROGERS & TED OATES**
National tag team champions
Combined weight: 473 pounds
- 10—**IVAN & NIKITA KOLOFF**
No. 1 contenders for NWA World tag team title
Combined weight: 524 pounds

NWA and AWA ratings are compiled with the assistance of wrestlers, promoters, and reporters. "Most Popular" and "Most Hated" ratings are based on nationwide surveys of wrestling fans and on mail that comes to our offices.

NWA

World Champion:

- RIC FLAIR**
243, Minneapolis, MN
- 1—**DUSTY RHODES**
302, Austin, TX
 - 2—**WAHOO McDANIEL**
260, Midland, TX
 - 3—**KERRY VON ERICH**
251, Denton, TX
 - 4—**RONNIE GARVIN**
231, Montreal, Quebec
 - 5—**HARLEY RACE**
253, Kansas City, MO
 - 6—**GINO HERNANDEZ**
224, Houston, TX
 - 7—**JESSE BARR**
243, Portland, OR
 - 8—**COWBOY RON BASS**
285, Pampa, TX
 - 9—**TULLY BLANCHARD**
235, San Antonio, Texas
 - 10—**RICK STEAMBOAT**
238, Honolulu, HI

AWA

World Champion:

- RICK MARTEL**
236, Quebec City, Quebec
- 1—**NICK BOCKWINKEL**
245, Beverly Hills, CA
 - 2—**MR. SAITO**
247, Osaka, Japan
 - 3—**TONY ATLAS**
247, Roanoke, VA
 - 4—**BILLY ROBINSON**
246, Manchester, England
 - 5—**BRAD RHEINGANS**
248, Appleton, MN
 - 6—**JIM BRUNZELL**
225, Minneapolis, MN
 - 7—**CRUSHER BLACKWELL**
474, Stone Mountain, GA
 - 8—**LARRY ZBYSZKO**
240, Pittsburgh, PA
 - 9—**STEVE O**
226, Edina, MN
 - 10—**CURT HENNING**
235, Robinsdale, MN

MOST POPULAR

- 1—**DUSTY RHODES**
302, Austin, TX
- 2—**HULK HOGAN**
305, Venice Beach, CA
- 3—**KERRY VON ERICH**
251, Denton, TX
- 4—**RICK MARTEL**
236, Quebec City, Quebec
- 5—**SGT. SLAUGHTER**
310, Parris Island, SC
- 6—**MAGNUM T.A.**
245, Chesapeake, VA
- 7—**ANDRE THE GIANT**
497, Grenoble, France
- 8—**RIC FLAIR**
243, Minneapolis, MN
- 9—**BILLY JACK**
245, Portland, OR
- 10—**JUNKYARD DOG**
260, New Orleans, LA

MOST HATED

- 1—**RODDY PIPER**
231, Scotland
- 2—**CHRIS ADAMS**
225, Stratford on Avon, England
- 3—**WAHOO McDANIEL**
260, Midland, TX
- 4—**GREG VALENTINE**
243, Seattle, WA
- 5—**KEVIN SULLIVAN**
235, Boston, MA
- 6—**GINO HERNANDEZ**
224, Houston, TX
- 7—**NIKOLAI VOLKOFF**
345, Siberia, Russia
- 8—**TULLY BLANCHARD**
235, San Antonio, TX
- 9—**KING KING BUNDY**
446, Atlantic City, NJ
- 10—**TED DIBIASE**
247, Omaha, NB

CIAL G RATINGS

For period ended October 29, 1984

Below are the ratings for the top regional wrestling areas of the country. These ratings are based on nationwide surveys of wrestlers, promoters, and reporters.

WWF

Champion:

HULK HOGAN

305, Venice Beach, CA

- 1—**GREG VALENTINE**
243, Seattle, WA
- 2—**JOHN STUDD**
364, Los Angeles, CA
- 3—**RODDY PIPER**
231, Scotland
- 4—**TITO SANTANA**
245, Mission, TX
- 5—**SGT. SLAUGHTER**
310, Parris Island, SC
- 6—**JUNKYARD DOG**
260, New Orleans, LA
- 7—**KAMALA**
360, Uganda
- 8—**KEN PATERA**
256, Portland, OR
- 9—**JESSE VENTURA**
270, Muscle Beach, CA
- 10—**PAUL ORNDORFF**
253, Brandon, FL

GEORGIA

- 1—**RONNIE GARVIN**
231, Montreal, Quebec
- 2—**BRAD ARMSTRONG**
223, Marietta, GA
- 3—**TOMMY RICH**
248, Hendersonville, TN
- 4—**BOB ARMSTRONG**
242, Marietta, GA
- 5—**TIM HORNER**
235, Morristown, TN
- 6—**JERRY OATES**
247, Columbus, GA
- 7—**TED DiBIASE**
247, Omaha, NB
- 8—**BOB ROOP**
273, Tampa, Florida
- 9—**OLE ANDERSON**
256, Minneapolis, MN
- 10—**OX BAKER**
313, Waterloo, IA

WORLD CLASS

- 1—**GINO HERNANDEZ**
224, Houston, TX
- 2—**KERRY VON ERICH**
251, Denton, TX
- 3—**CHRIS ADAMS**
225, Stratford on Avon, England
- 4—**KEVIN VON ERICH**
239, Denton, TX
- 5—**MIKE VON ERICH**
220, Denton, TX
- 6—**KILLER KHAN**
312, Mongolia
- 7—**JAKE ROBERTS**
243, Baton Rouge, LA
- 8—**ICEMAN PARSONS**
242, St. Louis, MO
- 9—**THE MISSING LINK**
273, parts unknown
- 10—**KELLY KINISKI**
242, Vancouver, BC

MID-ATLANTIC

- 1—**WAHOO McDANIEL**
260, Midland, TX
- 2—**RON BASS**
285, Pampa, TX
- 3—**DUSTY RHODES**
302, Austin, TX
- 4—**RICK STEAMBOAT**
238, Honolulu, HI
- 5—**TULLY BLANCHARD**
235, San Antonio, TX
- 6—**MIKE ROTUNDO**
245, Syracuse, NY
- 7—**MARK YOUNGBLOOD**
230, Amarillo, TX
- 8—**JIMMY VALIANT**
251, New York, NY
- 9—**NIKITA KOLOFF**
275, Moscow, Russia
- 10—**DON KERNODLE**
237, Charlotte, North Carolina

FLORIDA

- 1—**PEZ WHATLEY**
238, El Paso, TX
- 2—**JESSE BARR**
243, Portland, OR
- 3—**SCOTT McGHEE**
220, Shipley, England
- 4—**KEVIN SULLIVAN**
235, Boston, MA
- 5—**SUPERSTAR GRAHAM**
260, Paradise Valley, AZ
- 6—**DORY FUNK JR.**
244, Amarillo, TX
- 7—**MIKE GRAHAM**
232, Tampa, FL
- 8—**THE SAINT**
242, Havana, Cuba
- 9—**DUTCH MANTEL**
242, Bucksnorth, TN
- 10—**ANGELO MOSCA JR.**
234, Caledon, Ontario

MID-SOUTH

- 1—**ERNIE LADD**
354, Houston, TX
- 2—**MAGNUM T.A.**
245, Chesapeake, VA
- 3—**TERRY TAYLOR**
219, Vero Beach, FL
- 4—**BUTCH REED**
265, Kansas City, MO
- 5—**STEVE WILLIAMS**
295, Tulsa, OK
- 6—**HACKSAW DUGGAN**
280, New York, NY
- 7—**TED DiBIASE**
247, Omaha, NB
- 8—**HERCULES HERNANDEZ**
275, Tampa, FL
- 9—**BRICKHOUSE BROWN**
225, Winter Haven, FL
- 10—**EXOTIC ADRIAN STREET**
234, South Wales

MID-SOUTHERN

- 1—**EDDIE GILBERT**
222, Lexington, TN
- 2—**KING KONG BUNDY**
446, Atlantic City, NJ
- 3—**JERRY LAWLER**
234, Memphis, TN
- 4—**TOMMY RICH**
248, Hendersonville, TN
- 5—**RICK RUDE**
246, Robinsdale, MN
- 6—**RANDY SAVAGE**
245, Sarasota, FL
- 7—**LANNY POFFO**
228, Sarasota, FL
- 8—**MASAO ITO**
247, Osaka, Japan
- 9—**MID-SOUTHERN SPOILER**
240, parts unknown
- 10—**PHIL HICKERSON**
230, Jackson, TN

NORTHWEST

- 1—**BILLY JACK**
245, Portland, OR
- 2—**RIP OLIVER**
245, Tampa, FL
- 3—**STAN STASIAK**
268, Portland, OR
- 4—**PLAYBOY BUDDY ROSE**
245, Minneapolis, MN
- 5—**BRETT SAWYER**
242, St. Petersburg, FL
- 6—**MATT BORNE**
240, Milwaukie, OR
- 7—**TOM PRITCHARD**
220, Houston, TX
- 8—**KEVIN KELLY**
265, Hollywood, CA
- 9—**BOBBY JAGGERS**
265, Dunlap, KS
- 10—**MIKE MILLER**
260, Memphis, TN

RATINGS ANALYSIS

Every month, this column will tell fans how we go about rating more than 150 wrestlers in 14 different categories. It is a behind-the-scenes look at the most important—and respected—ratings system in the sport. This column is vital reading for all wrestling fans.

Closeup on the junior heavyweights: It's not uncommon in our offices to receive a letter like the one below from Stephen Chapmann of Honolulu, Hawaii:

I read just about every wrestling magazine on the newsstand, and I'm dismayed by the lack of coverage given to the junior heavyweight division. That division boasts some of the world's most talented athletes, and personally, I prefer to watch junior heavyweights more than the heavyweights. They're lighter, quicker on their feet, and their matches are usually the most exciting scientific encounters one can see anywhere in wrestling. It's too bad that there aren't more junior heavyweights on the scene who are proud of being junior heavyweights—it always seems like they're trying to bulk up and compete for the NWA World heavyweight title. What a shame.

We agree that the junior heavyweight division doesn't receive enough coverage and attention. So from time to time, "Ratings Analysis" will look at the top 10 junior heavyweights in the world.

A special note about these ratings: Until recently, **Les Thornton** was the holder of the NWA World junior heavyweight title. But Thornton no longer holds that honor, having failed to make a required number of title defenses over the last 90 days. We spoke with NWA President **Bob Geigel** to learn what will happen to that title. "I'm considering several alternatives right now," Geigel said, "and the possibility of a tournament seems likely at this point in time. But so far, no final decision has been made."

A quick listing of other recognized junior heavyweight titles: **Steve Regal** holds the AWA World junior heavyweight title, **Bill Ash** holds the NWA U.S. junior heavyweight title, and **Mike Jackson** holds the Alabama junior heavyweight title.

The names listed below are the top 10 junior heavyweights in the world:

THE JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHTS

- 1—**STEVE REGAL**
221, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 2—**BILL ASH**
224, Paris, AR
- 3—**BUCK ZUMHOFE**
222, Hamburg, MN
- 4—**TOMMY ROGERS**
217, Tampa, FL
- 5—**MIKE GRAHAM**
215, Tampa, FL
- 6—**MIKE JACKSON**
192, Birmingham, AL
- 7—**TIM HORNER**
218, Knoxville, TN
- 8—**CHAVO GUERRERO**
224, Juarez, Mexico
- 9—**MIKE VON ERICH**
220, Denton, TX
- 10—**SCOTT ARMSTRONG**
200, Marietta, GA



Tommy Rogers

It's been a VERY eventful month: Plenty of title changes have occurred since our last issue, many of which you can read about in Bill Apter's "What's Happening" column on page 8. These title changes have affected many categories in the ratings, and we would like to draw your attention to the following:



Dusty Rhodes



Manny Fernandez

Greg Valentine captured the WWF Intercontinental title from **Tito Santana** and moves into the number two spot in the WWF... **Ronnie Garvin** defeated **Ted DiBiase** for the National heavyweight title in Baltimore and moves into the number one spot in the Georgia area... The World Class tag team title changed twice since our last issue: In our January ratings, **Iceman Parsons** & **Buck Zumhofe** held the belts. The team of **Scott** and **Bill Irwin** won the belts from Parsons and Zumhofe, but just as we went to press **The Fantastics**, **Tommy Rogers** and **Bobby Fulton** captured the title. They are now rated number eight in the tag team ratings... **Dusty Rhodes** and **Manny Fernandez** defeated the team of **Ivan Koloff** and **Don Kernodle** for the NWA World tag team belts, and move into the number two spot in the tag team category... Also in the tag team ratings,

The Rock 'n' Roll Express, **Rick Morton** and **Robert Gibson**, won the Mid-South tag team title from **The Midnight Express**, **Dennis Condrey** and **Bobby Eaton**; Morton & Gibson are now rated in the number five spot... Plus: **Jim Neidhardt** and **Krusher Khrushchev** beat **Chavo** and **Hector Guerrero** for the U.S. tag team belts and are currently in the number seven spot in the tag ratings... **Jesse Barr** succeeded in defeating **Scott McGhee** for the Florida heavyweight title; Barr is now rated number two in the Florida area... **Ernie Ladd** has captured the North American heavyweight title from **Magnum T.A.** and is now ranked number one in the Mid-South... **Billy Jack** captured the Pacific Northwest heavyweight title from **Rip "The Crippler" Oliver** and is now rated number one in that area.

You might say it's been a busy month!

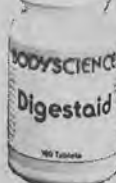
As always, we try and keep abreast of the latest title changes in wrestling, and make the appropriate changes in our ratings as close to press time as possible (noted in the "For period ended" statement in every set of ratings). But, as you can see from the amount of changes that have occurred in the past four weeks, well—sometimes we might just let one slip by!

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"The Influence of Exercise on Growth" revealed by U.S. Surgeon. (From the Journal of Experimental Medicine) A controlled group experiment.

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TITO'S NOT SO GREAT

How can anyone possibly believe that Tito Santana is the greatest WWF Intercontinental champion ever?



Tito Santana throws a right hand at Greg Valentine, the man who took his WWF Intercontinental title.

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Also, who did Santana defend his title against? Mainly, Magnificent Muraco, Paul Orndorff, and Greg Valen-

time. Three wrestlers, and he lost the title already.

If you ask me, Pedro Morales was by far the greatest Intercontinental champion ever. Pedro defended the title against far more challengers than Tito did. And when Pedro defeated an opponent, he was finished. Broken and battered. Completely destroyed. Virtually helpless. When Tito pinned someone (which he rarely did, except for the burns he wrestled on television), it was virtually always by a lucky pinfall or a referee's fast count.

Many people want Tito to have a shot at the WWF heavyweight title. These people apparently don't know that Tito was given some title matches when The Iron Sheik was champion. I saw one of those matches at The Philadelphia Spectrum. Why couldn't he win the title if he was so good? Face it, people, Tito Santana is *not* as great as you think.

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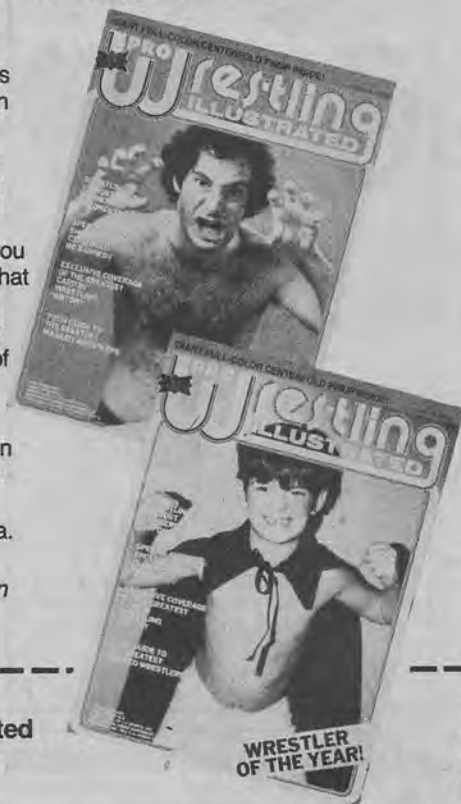
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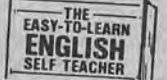
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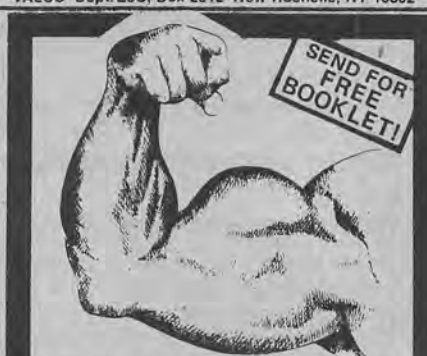
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Q: "My question's for Nick Bockwinkel: Will you follow your manager, Bobby Heenan, to the WWF now that Heenan has left the AWA?"—Stephen Caruso, Columbia, MD

A: "When I think back to the last time Bobby Heenan was suspended, I remember that I was wrestling better than ever," Bockwinkel said. "This time Bobby's gone and got himself suspended indefinitely. You know what that means to me? That means I should have an indefinite amount of success. Hey, Bobby Heenan isn't the be-all and end-all. He's a good businessman, but he lets his mouth run a little when he rambles on about what a great strategist he is. Do you honestly think that I owe all

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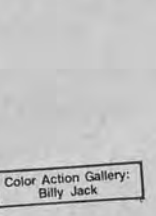
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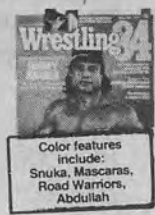
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Current NWA World champion Ric Flair applies a figure-four leglock on seven-time former champion Harley Race. Flair feels Race should give up on his mission to regain the title an eighth time.

my success to Bobby Heenan. C'mon! Be serious. I was a champion before I met Bobby Heenan, and I'll be a champ long after Bobby Heenan's gone."

give me money to do something I love like beating the hell out of Harley Race. Is this a great country, or what?"

Q: "My question is for Ric Flair: I'm tired of seeing dumb, fat, old Harley Race run his mouth about him being better than you. Ric, you're the greatest wrestler in the world, and I'd like to see you run Harley Race out of wrestling for good. You've beaten Kerry Von Erich, Tony Atlas, Dusty Rhodes, and Brad Armstrong to prove you're the best. Why don't you just get rid of Race for good and get it over with?"—Joseph Rodriguez, San Antonio, TX

A: "Because the man is so thick-headed, he just keeps coming back for more," Flair said. "I know how you feel, Joe, because I feel the same way. Every time I sign for a match against Race I say to myself, 'Ric, maybe he'll give up after this one.' But he never does. He's like a lobotomized bull. The only salvation is that I get paid every time I beat him up. They

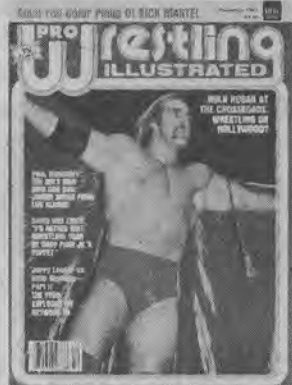
Q: "I have a question for Mike Von Erich: We see you every week on *World Class Championship Wrestling*, and me and some of my friends were wondering when you were going to come to the Mid-South to wrestle as your brothers have. Maybe you could bring Kevin or Kerry with you, 'cause we have a couple of tag teams that could really stand to learn a lesson from a *real* tag team."—Amy Hodges, New Orleans

A: "My brothers tell me that the fans in the Mid-South are really great," Mike said, "and I'm looking forward to wrestling for y'all real soon. Right now, I'm all tied up here in the World Class area, and I'm trying to get my American title back from Gino Hernandez. As soon as I get that accomplished, I'll hopefully be able to make some time to go out on the road. I'm looking forward to meeting all the Mid-South fans." □

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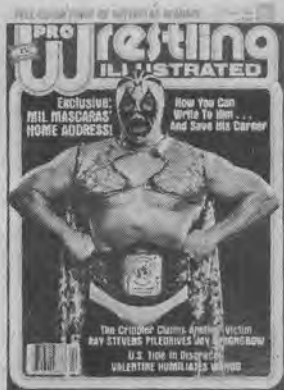
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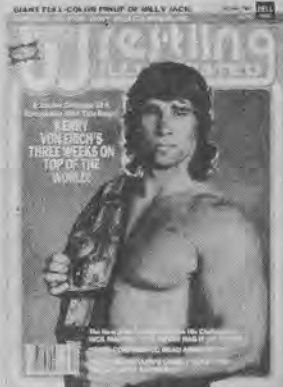
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Greg Valentine's prematch sneak-attack against Tito Santana helped him win the WWF Intercontinental title.

and **Ronnie Garvin** beat **Ted DiBiase** in Baltimore for the National heavyweight title (page 36).

Elsewhere in major title changes since our last issue:

• **Ernie Ladd** captured the North American heavyweight title from **Magnum T.A.** during a televised match from Shreveport, Louisiana. T.A. delivered a flying dropkick off the second rope that sent Ladd reeling into referee **Carl Fergie**. T.A. went for a pin attempt, but Ladd powered out. Fergie was then stunned a second time, when he was caught in the midst of a collision between Ladd and T.A. As Fergie attempted to regain his senses, Ladd choked T.A. to near-unconsciousness with a rope he pulled out of his trunks. When Fergie returned to the ring, Ladd took the helpless and groggy T.A., slammed him to the mat, and scored the pinfall win.

• **The Rock 'n' Roll Express, Robert Gibson** and **Rick Morton**, captured the Mid-South tag team title from **The Midnight Express, Dennis Condrey** and **Bobby Eaton**. Condrey's and Eaton's manager, **Jim Cornette**, has vowed revenge on Gibson and Morton. "Having the Rock 'n' Rolls as champions is an embarrassment to all of Mid-South wrestling," Cornette said, "and I'm not going to stand for it. My Mid-

night Express will have the belts back and bring honor to the Mid-South before long. I promise."

• **Jim Neidhardt** and **Krusher Khrushchev** won the U.S. tag team belts from (officially) **Chavo** and **Hector Guerrero** during a televised taping of Florida wrestling in the Tampa Sportatorium. Chavo was unable to defend the title with his brother, and Hector had chosen **Cocoa Samoa** as his replacement. But Hector can't blame the title loss on absence of his brother. He submitted when Neidhardt backdropped him onto Khrushchev's shoulders for the backbreaker. After the submission, Neidhardt climbed the ropes and delivered a flying clothesline to Guerrero while he was still in the backbreaker.

• **Jesse Barr** captured the Florida heavyweight title from **Scott McGhee** in a two-out-of-three falls match in Orlando, Florida. McGhee captured the first fall with a flying bodypress. Barr won the second fall with a shoulderbreaker. The third fall seemed a foregone conclusion when Barr tossed McGhee out of the ring and slammed him into the steel guard rails before the bell had even sounded to start the fall. McGhee told referee **Bill Alfonso** that he could continue, but clearly the attack had taken its toll.



Jesse Barr utilized the steel guard rail outside the ring in his Florida title victory over Scott McGhee.

• **Billy Jack** won the Pacific Northwest heavyweight title from **Rip "The Crippler" Oliver** in a two-out-of-three falls match. Billy won the first fall using the lariat, but Oliver evened up the contest with a diving lariat off the ropes. In the deciding fall, referee **Sandy Barr** stopped the match when Oliver slumped to the mat in a complete daze as the result of Billy Jack's full-nelson.



Billy Jack captured the Pacific Northwest title from Rip Oliver shortly after his return to that area.

A few other title changes since our last issue: **Tom Pritchard** and **Jerry Grey** are the new Pacific Northwest tag team champions... The World Class six-man title is now in the possession of **Jake Roberts**, **Chris Adams**, and **Gino Hernandez**. That means that Hernandez has a hand in three of the four World Class titles; he also holds the World Class American and Texas titles... **The Fabulous Ones**, **Steve Keirn**, and **Stan Lane**, are the new Mid-Southern tag team champions, having defeated **King Kong Bundy** and **Rick Rude** for the belts.

Remarkable. I believe that this is the first time ever that my column has consisted entirely of major title changes since our last issue. It's been something of a busy month, don't you think!

And that's what's happening. See you at the matches! ☐

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Abdullah the Butcher had to free himself from handcuffs before he was able to help his partners, Invader I and Carlos Colon, defeat Bruiser Brody (above), Stan Hansen, and King Konga in a match in Puerto Rico.

tion could halt the wildest tag team match ever seen on the island of Puerto Rico. Carlos Colon and Invader I were the unlikely partners of Abdullah the Butcher in a match against Stan Hansen, Bruiser Brody, and King Konga. When the match was over, it was hard to tell the winners from the losers as all six men left the ring battered and bleeding.

During the bout, Konga's manager, Barrabas, handcuffed Abdullah to the corner ringpost, rendering the 360-pound Sudanese butcher unable to assist his partners. Colon and Invader suffered a savage beating from Hansen, Brody, and Konga. Finally, Abdullah broke the chain between the two handcuffs with one mighty sweep of his arms and entered the ring to assist his partners.

Abdullah punished Hansen with judo chops, karate kicks, and headbutts. Colon grabbed a chair from ringside and crashed it down on Brody's head which began to spurt blood. Colon's attack continued with punches, kicks, and

headbutts.

As all six men brawled in the ring, Barrabas ran into the ring, and the referee called for the bell. The brawl continued for several minutes until Colon, Abdullah, and The Invader, who would be awarded the decision by disqualification, cleared the ring.

In other bouts, Pedro Morales defeated Randy Savage by count-out ... Super Medic III beat Invader III in a scaffold match ... El Gran Apollo defeated Super Medic II ... Joe Savoldi defeated Barrabas ... Black Gordman defeated Victor Jovica ... 666 beat Jose Miguel Perez ... Maravilla beat Tony Echevarria.

New Orleans (Correspondent: Michelle Bland): The Rock 'n' Roll Express are the new Mid-South tag team champions. The team of Rick Morton and Robert Gibson returned to the Mid-South area after a 90-day exile to defeat the team that sent them out of the area in a loser-leave-town match, Jim Cornette's Midnight Express.



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Morton and Gibson exploded as the opening bell rang, flustering Dennis Condrey and Bobby Eaton with dropkicks. Interference by Cornette behind the referee's back slowed the Rock 'n' Roll Express' progress and shifted the momentum to The Midnight Express.

Morton fell into serious trouble as Condrey slammed his throat and head into the steel barricade outside the ring. But when the fans in attendance at the Municipal Auditorium began to chant "Rock 'n' roll! Rock 'n' roll!" the



Rick Morton and Robert Gibson won the Mid-South tag team championship from The Midnight Express.

fan favorites came back to life.

Morton returned to the ring and rolled over to his own corner to tag his rested partner. Gibson flew into the ring and sent both Condrey and Eaton to the canvas with forearms and kneelifts. Morton reentered the ring, and all four men battled it out. The Rock 'n' Roll Express dropkicked their opponents simultaneously and then covered both men for the victory and the tag team belts.

In other bouts, Hacksaw Dugan defeated Steve "Dr. Death" Williams ... George "Master G" Wells defeated Butch Reed in a ghetto streetfight match ... Terry Taylor beat Buddy Landell ... Adrian Street defeated Bobby Fulton ... Hercules Hernandez defeated Sonny King ... Johnny Mantell beat Art Crews ... Ernie Ladd beat Brickhouse Brown. ☐

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GREG VALENTINE

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Some of the proudest moments in Valentine's career have been when he broke his opponents' legs. The Hammer tries to do the same to Santana, stretching out Tito's leg and delivering a devastating kneedrop.

entire. Anyone who steals a title by attacking a man from behind before the start of the match deserves all the abuse he can get.

MARTY DENSORE
Philadelphia

When there was controversy between the Von Erichs and The Freebirds over the World Class six-man title, the World Class officials held up the title and had a rematch. When Tully Blanchard interfered in a U.S. title match between Wahoo McDaniel and Rick Steamboat, Mid-Atlantic officials held up the title after viewing films because it was a controversial match.

Well, I haven't seen a more controversial match in a long time than Tito Santana's loss of the WWF Intercontinental title to Greg Valentine. Valentine definitely doesn't deserve the belt, and the WWF officials should strip him of the title, hold up the title, or do something to otherwise take the title away from him.

STEVE CROPPER
Greensboro, NC

I wonder if Greg Valentine can go to sleep at night, can live with himself, considering the way he "won" the Intercontinental title from Tito Santana. Valentine should be thoroughly ashamed of himself, and does not in any way deserve to call himself champion.

BILL TRIMBEL
Pittsburgh

I've talked to my friends about the Intercontinental title match between Greg Valentine and Tito Santana. One of my friends likes Valentine, and is happy that he won the title, but everyone else I talked to agrees with me: Valentine is a cheat. He stole the title from Tito. He kicked Tito in the knee when Tito wasn't looking. It was a cheap victory, and he shouldn't have the title. The WWF should strip Valentine of the title and return it to the rightful champion, the greatest Intercontinental champion of all time: Tito Santana. *Arriba!*

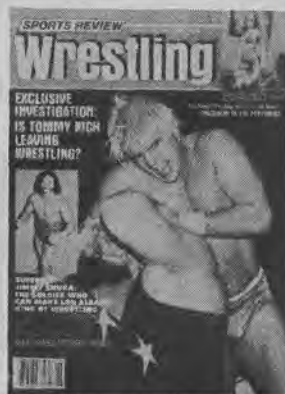
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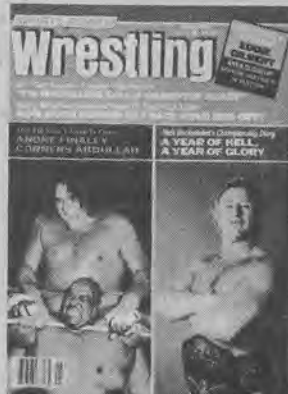
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tlers. While he is still young, however, Larry intends to stay in wrestling.

"You see, beside criminology, I also wrestled at the University of Tampa," Larry said. "I don't wanna be bragging, but I was good. I was Florida state champ from 1975 till 1976, and I also won the National title in North Dakota back in '76.

"Rocky Johnson and Hiro Matsuda used to come down to the matches a lot," Larry said, "and they approached me about turning pro. I was scared when I thought about it, because my family wanted me to have the kind of a job where I would use my head for thinking, not headbutting. But the wrestling bug was in me already. I love this sport. The idea of turning pro really got to me, and the opportunity seemed too good to pass up."

Johnson and Matsuda introduced young Larry to then-Florida promoter Louie Tillet, who began to train him.

"The guy was a real quick study," Tillet recalls. "I taught him a maneuver, and almost instantly he could apply it as well as I could. I was

Hamilton's pro debut was unlike any other rookie's. His first match was a title match! It occurred in Pensacola, Florida, and Larry remembers it well.

"I was a wreck," he recalls. Hamilton did succeed in holding U.S. junior heavyweight champ Tony Charles to a 20-minute draw. He was congratulated by the champion after the match, and a successful career was underway.

Hamilton stayed in the Southeast, finally winning the U.S. junior heavyweight title in 1983 from "Hustler" Rip Rogers. Larry held on to the prestigious championship for about eight months, having to give up the belt due to injuries sustained in an attack by Arn Anderson and Jerry Stubbs.

After the injuries healed, Larry moved on to the Mid-Atlantic for a brief stay, and then went back to his home turf of Tampa, where he is now

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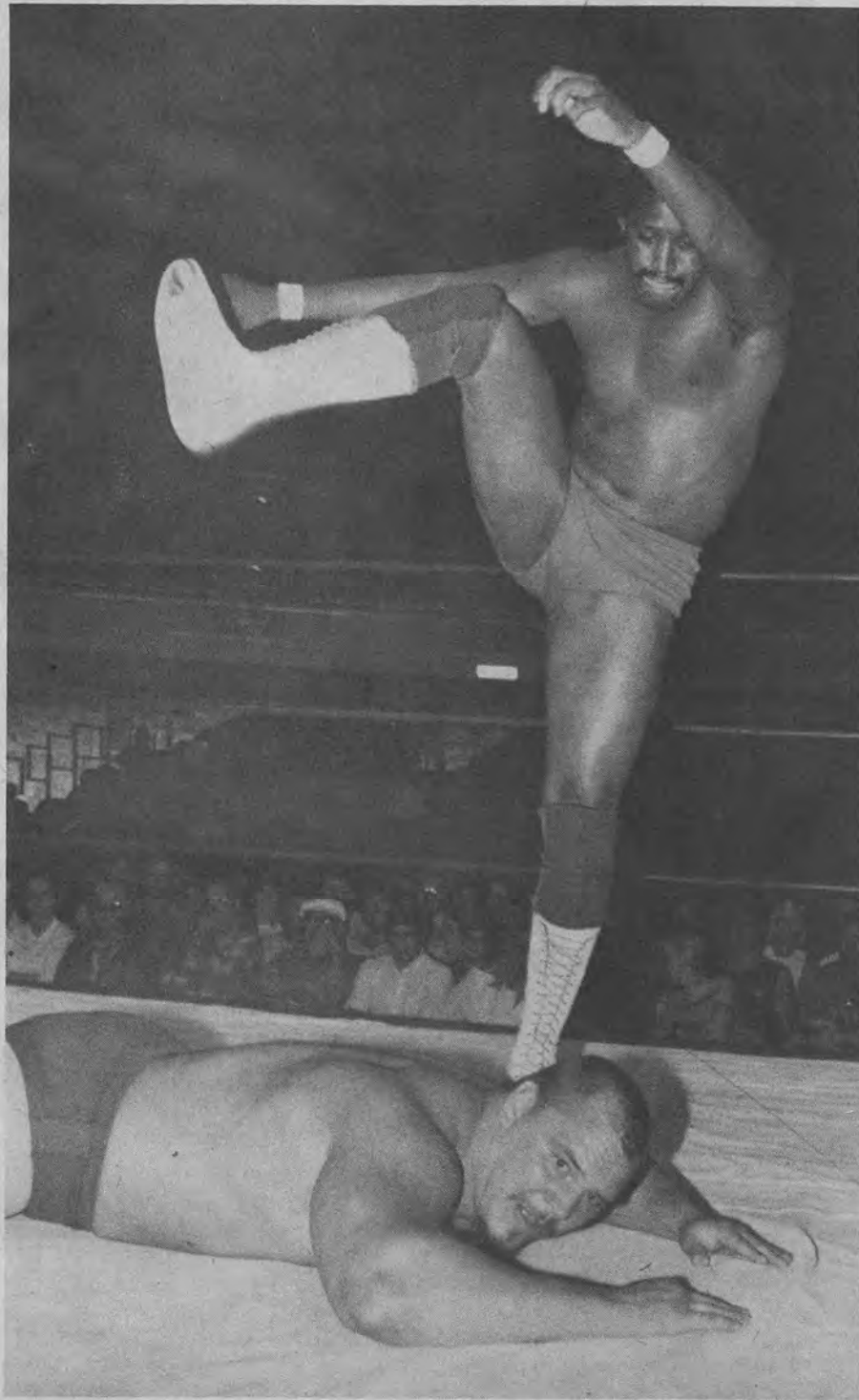
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Larry Hamilton, who could have chosen a career in stomping out crime, stomps out the back of Krusher Khrushchev. Hamilton is realistic about his career, knowing that he is still a few years away from being ready for a world title shot.

wrestling full-time.

"I'm over the 230-pound weight limit now, so there are no more junior heavyweight title shots for me," Larry says. "You know, people all talk about winning the big one, Ric Flair's NWA title. I really hunger for that. But I realize I'm still a few years away from that.

"Then again," Larry says, "lot's of guys in the dressing rooms, in the gym,

they all say I should go for it. But I want to be sure that when the title shot comes, I'm the best I can be, and that I have a good shot at winning the title. Right now I've got my hands full with The Saint, Jim Neidhardt, Krusher Khrushchev, and Oliver Humperdink.

"They're all the criminals of Florida wrestling now," Larry said with a smile, "and I'm gonna be prosecuting them to the fullest extent." ☐

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RONNIE GARVIN

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Garvin's arms were momentarily tied up in the ropes, but when DiBiase charged him, he was able to kick the champion in the chest and free himself at the same time (above). Shortly after, Garvin hooks DiBiase's leg and scores the pinfall (below).



vin the opportunity to choke DiBiase with the rope barrier surrounding the ring.

Once again, avoiding a count-out, the two men scrambled back into the ring. And the action continued at an even wilder pace: Garvin caught DiBiase's foot in the middle of an attempted kick to the chest, and sent him sprawling to the canvas with a standing toe-hold ... Garvin delivered a series of stunning blows to DiBiase's

face and chest ... DiBiase countered with a suplex ... Garvin scrambled back and went for a pin via the small package.

But the pin was unsuccessful. DiBiase retaliated by catching Garvin in the sleeperhold ... Garvin fell to the mat, the victim of a viciously sadistic chokehold ... DiBiase dragged Garvin to his feet and unleashed a powerful right hand to the head ... Garvin, tied up in the ropes, succeeded in

landing two feet to DiBiase's chest as the champion charged forward.

Thousands of fans in the Baltimore Civic Center cheered wildly as Garvin untied himself from the ropes. Their cheers were a mixture of support for Garvin in his agonizing battle against DiBiase, and astonishment at the fact that the match could continue at such a pace for such a long time.

After breaking free of the ropes, Garvin began demonstrating why he is called "The Man With the Hands of Stone." A left to DiBiase's face was followed by a right, another right, a left, and a forearm right that quickly sent DiBiase to the canvas. Garvin scrambled under DiBiase's legs, turned his body, shifted his leverage, hooked the leg, and scored the pinfall.

DiBiase's protests to referee Hebner and promoter Gary Juster were fruitless: DiBiase lost the match and the title by a clean pinfall and he knew it.

Immediately after the match, *The Wrestler* Senior Editor Bill Apter brought Garvin into his portable photo studio to photograph the new champion with the championship belt.

"I did it tonight, Bill, I really did it tonight!" Garvin said to Apter with a big grin on his face.

"You sure did," Apter replied.

"Did you hear those fans out there tonight?" Garvin asked. "It was unbelievable! What cheers! I can't believe how great I feel. This is the greatest night of my life!"

"It sure is," Apter said.

"And you know something? This belt belongs to all those fans out there as much as it belongs to me. And to all the fans who have supported me over the past couple of years. I'm not going to treat the fans the way DiBiase did. They deserve better than that."

"They sure do," Apter agreed. And, Apter thought to himself, they're going to get it. ☐

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• **MAKE TIME RUN BACKWARD OR FORWARD!**—A



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